

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>MEMPHIS</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>BUREAU</b>	DATE <b>10/17/73</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>10/17/73</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR., aka, Leslie Lynch King (TN)</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [redacted]</b>	TYPED BY <b>cjb</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>	

**REFERENCES:** Bureau telephone call to Memphis 10/16/73  
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Office: MEMPHIS

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Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #: 161-9896

Title:

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR.

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

Family background information obtained from wife of appointee's half brother at Cookeville, Tennessee. Residence of appointee's half brother verified at Cookeville. No law enforcement record located for appointee's half brother at Cookeville, Tennessee.

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DETAILS:FAMILY:

On October 17, 1973, Mrs. VIRGINIA H. KING, wife of LESLIE HENRY KING, provided the following information in the absence of Mr. KING:

She and her husband reside at [REDACTED], Cookeville, Tennessee. Mr. KING is the owner of the Goodyear Tire Center, 120 South Jefferson Street, Cookeville. They have resided at their current address in Cookeville since 1947 and have four children:

PAMELA, age 28

CYRA, age 26

LESLIE, JR., age 25

CRAIG, age 15

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Mrs. KING stated her husband is a half brother of GERALD R. FORD. Mr. FORD, at the time of birth, was named LESLIE LYNCH KING. Upon the divorce of appointee's mother from his father, she married GERALD R. FORD, SR., at which time appointee's name was changed to GERALD R. FORD, JR. She believes the appointee was approximately two years old at the time. LESLIE LYNCH KING, SR., then married MARGARET ATWOOD in approximately 1915. To this marriage were born the following children:

SABILLA, born in approximately 1918 and died approximately three years later;

MARJORIE, born in approximately 1921;

LESLIE HENRY, born March 28, 1923;

PATRICIA, born in approximately 1927.

Mrs. KING stated that MARJORIE is currently Mrs. A. A. WERNER, [redacted] Cumberland, Maryland. PATRICIA was married to Mr. BUEL BEE but they were divorced approximately ten years ago. Mrs. BEE had her name changed back to KING and she now lives with her mother, Mrs. MARGARET MATHER, 315 Onyx, Balboa Island, California. Mrs. KING noted that upon the death of LESLIE LYNCH KING, SR., in 1941, Mrs. KING married ROY A. MATHER.

Mrs. KING stated the last time she saw the appointee was approximately two years ago at a fund-raising dinner for Senator BILL BROCK in Nashville, Tennessee. She stated her family's contact with the appointee is sporadic and very limited. She noted that their families do exchange Christmas cards.

MISCELLANEOUS:

[redacted] Cookeville, Tennessee, on October 17, 1973, stated that she has been a neighbor of Mr. and Mrs. LESLIE H. KING who reside at [redacted] [redacted] for approximately the last 13 years. [redacted] volunteered that they were very fine people and considered to be good members of the community.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT CHECKS:

The following agencies were contacted at Cookeville, Tennessee, regarding any arrest record for LESLIE HENRY KING with negative results:

Mr. BILLY SMITH, Sheriff, Putnam County Sheriff's Office;

Mr. PAUL JACKSON, Captain, Cookeville Police Department;

Mr. CHARLES VAUGHN, Clerk, Putnam County Circuit Court Clerk's Office.



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~~"CHANGED"~~ GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR., AKA, LESLIE LYNCH  
KING (TN); SPECIAL INQUIRY.

TITLE PREVIOUSLY CARRIED GERALD RUDOLPH FORD.

RE BUREAU TEL CALL TO MEMPHIS 10-16-73 AND MEMPHIS TEL  
CALL TO BALTIMORE AND LOS ANGELES 10-17-73.

IN REFERENCED BUREAU CALL, BUREAU STATED APPOINTEE'S HALF  
BROTHER RESIDES COOKEVILLE, TENN. BUREAU SET FORTH LEAD FOR  
HALF BROTHER TO BE INTERVIEWED AND ADDITIONAL BROTHERS AND  
SISTERS DETERMINED WITH LEADS SET FORTH TO HAVE THEIR RESIDENCES  
VERIFIED AND ARREST CHECKS CONDUCTED. BUREAU INSTRUCTED LEADS  
TO BE GIVEN IMMEDIATELY BY TELEPHONE, FOLLOWED BY TELETYPE.  
BUREAU INSTRUCTED INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER MUST BE RECEIVED  
BY FBIHQ BY 12:00 A.M., 10-17-73, AS BUREAU MUST DISSEMINATE  
COPIES DURING MORNING 10-18-73. BUREAU INDICATED A REPORT, 6  
COPIES, SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION, "LETTER PERFECT", BE SENT.

CONSEQUENTLY, MEMPHIS DETERMINED APPOINTEE'S HALF BROTHER,

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LESLIE HENRY KING IS CURRENTLY ON A PHEASANT HUNTING TRIP IN THE STATE OF S. DAKOTA. IN HIS ABSENCE, MR. KING'S WIFE, VIRGINIA H. KING, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING FAMILY BACKGROUND:

UPON APPOINTEE'S BIRTH HE WAS NAMED LESLIE LYNCH KING.

UPON DIVORCE OF APPOINTEE'S PARENTS, APPOINTEE'S MOTHER MARRIED GERALD R. FORD, SR., AT WHICH TIME APPOINTEE'S NAME WAS CHANGED TO GERALD R. FORD, JR. SHE BELIEVED THIS OCCURRED WHEN APPOINTEE WAS APPROXIMATELY 2 YEARS OF AGE. AFTER THIS DIVORCE, LESLIE LYNCH KING, SR., MARRIED MARGARET ATWOOD IN APPROXIMATELY 1915 AND TO THIS MARRIAGE WAS BORN: SABILLA, BORN IN APPROXIMATELY 1918 AND DIED APPROXIMATELY 3 YEARS LATER; MARJORIE, BORN IN APPROXIMATELY 1921; LESLIE HENRY KING, BORN 3-28-23; AND PATRICIA, BORN APPROXIMATELY 1927.

MARJORIE IS CURRENTLY KNOWN AS MRS. A. A. WERNER AND RESIDES  CUMBERLAND, MD. SHE IS CURRENTLY VISITING HER MOTHER, MRS. MARGARET MATHER, 315 ONYX, BALBOA ISLAND, CALIF. HWA

PATRICIA WAS MARRIED TO MR. BUEL BEE AND THEY WERE DIVORCED APPROXIMATELY 10 YEARS AGO. SHE CURRENTLY RESIDES WITH HER  
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MOTHER, MRS. MATHER, 315 ONYX, BALBOA ISLAND, CALIF. *W/LB*

MRS. KING NOTED THAT UPON MR. LESLIE LYNCH KING, SR.'S  
DEATH IN APPROXIMATELY 1941, MRS. KING MARRIED ROY A. MATHER.

BALTIMORE, AT CUMBERLAND, VERIFY MRS. WERNER'S RESIDENCE  
BY ACTIVE INVESTIGATION AND CONDUCT ARREST CHECKS.

LOS ANGELES, AT BALBOA ISLAND, VERIFY PATRICIA'S *W/LB*  
RESIDENCE BY ACTIVE INVESTIGATION AND CONDUCT ARREST CHECKS.

PER BUREAU CALL TODAY, LOS ANGELES AND BALTIMORE SUBMIT  
REPORT VIA FACSIMILE MACHINE. BUREAU, IN TURN, WILL RETYPE SAME.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>DENVER</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>BUREAU</b>	DATE <b>10/17/73</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>10/16-17/73</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>GERALD R. FORD</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>H. WARREN TOOL, JR.</b>	TYPED BY <b>bjs</b>
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Report of: H. WARREN TOOL, JR.  
Date: October 17, 1973

Office: DENVER

Field Office File #: 161-1169

Bureau File #:

Title: GERALD R. FORD

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Appointee reported as owner of condominium at Vail, Colo. Condominium is located in facility known as Lodge At Vail and was purchased by appointee shortly after construction in 1969. General manager of Lodge At Vail, who is personal acquaintance of appointee, interviewed and stated appointee and family spend short vacations at Vail residence approximately twice a year. He described appointee as honest, reputable, loyal, and outstanding American citizen. Mrs. FLETCHER SWAN GAYLORD, former National Republican Committeeman for Colorado, a personal acquaintance of appointee, interviewed and spoke favorably of appointee as to character, reputation, and loyalty. No credit or arrest record located for appointee. No record of appointee having ever sought or being admitted to practice law in Colorado.

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DETAILS:

Investigation at Vail, Eagle, and Glenwood Springs, Colorado, was conducted by SA DAVID W. YATES and at Denver by SA H. WARREN TOOL, JR.

RESIDENCE

Lodge At Vail  
Vail, Colorado

[redacted], General Manager, Lodge At Vail, advised on October 16, 1973, that Congressman GERALD R. FORD is the owner of a condominium unit in that facility. He stated Mr. FORD purchased the condominium shortly after the Lodge At Vail was built the latter part of 1969. [redacted] stated that he has been the General Manager of the Lodge At Vail since September, 1970, and is personally acquainted with the appointee and his family. He stated the FORD family spends short vacations at their residence in Vail about twice a year, usually over the Christmas holiday and sometime during the summer months.

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[redacted] stated appointee has never been active in civic affairs at Vail or a member of any local organizations to his knowledge. He said appointee has used his condominium more or less as a retreat and a place to relax. He believed appointee has spoke at the Rotary Club at Vail on at least one occasion. He said appointee is a very likable person and well regarded in the Vail community. [redacted] added he personally considers appointee, his wife, and family to be a truly outstanding family. He added appointee has always impressed him as being honest, reputable, loyal, and an outstanding American citizen.

[redacted] advised there are no restrictive covenants concerning race, color, creed, or religion as to residence or ownership at the Lodge At Vail condominiums.

PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCE

Mrs. FLETCHER SWAN GAYLORD, 410 Marion, Denver, Colorado, who was National Republican Committeeman for Colorado from 1956 - 1968, was interviewed on October 16, 1973. Mrs. GAYLORD stated she has met and visited with Congressman FORD on a number of past occasions when he has been visiting in Colorado. Mrs. GAYLORD said the appointee has always impressed her as a fine person of excellent character, reputation, and loyalty. She said she considers him extremely honest, sincere, and straightforward in all political affairs.

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CREDIT AND ARREST

On October 16, 1973, [REDACTED], Clerk, Credit Bureau, Inc., Glenwood Springs, Colorado, which covers Vail, advised there is no identifiable information concerning appointee in files of that agency.

Undersheriff THOMAS DAVIS, Sheriff's Office, Eagle County, Eagle, Colorado, which covers Vail, and [REDACTED], Dispatcher, Vail Police Department, Vail, Colorado, both advised on October 16, 1973, there is no identifiable record concerning appointee in files of their respective departments.

[REDACTED], Supervisor, Department of Motor Vehicles, Denver, advised a review of records in that department disclosed no information identifiable with the appointee.

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MISCELLANEOUS

[redacted] Secretary, Office of the Clerk, Colorado Supreme Court, Denver, advised October 16, 1973, there is no record of appointee having ever applied for or being admitted to the practice of law in Colorado.

[redacted], Clerk, Denver and Colorado Bar Associations, Denver, Colorado, advised on October 16, 1973, that she could locate no record indicating Congressman FORD has ever been a member of the Denver or Colorado Bar Associations.

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**REFERENCE:** Detroit teletype dated 10/16/73;  
Bureau teletype dated 10/16/73.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE:** Interview at Culver, Indiana, conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

Persons interviewed were advised that investigation  
is being conducted at the request of the White House.

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## Synopsis:

Social acquaintances RUSSELL D. OLIVER and LOUIS A. WEIL, JR., heartily endorsed GERALD FORD for the position of Vice President of the United States of America.

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DETAILS:- SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCES -

On October 17, 1973, RUSSELL D. OLIVER, Alumni Director, Culver Military Academy, Culver, Indiana, advised he played on the University of Michigan football team with FORD during 1932, 1933, and 1934. OLIVER advised FORD was voted Most Valuable Player of 1934. OLIVER stated that as he (OLIVER) lived off campus, he does not recall FORD's residence at the University of Michigan or if FORD was a fraternity member. OLIVER stated that on several football trips, he roomed with FORD and described FORD as an extremely fine individual with impeccable character and one of the finest persons he has ever known. He advised he does not recall whether FORD was employed while attending the University of Michigan nor does he recall any close associates of FORD except for ELLIOT GORDON, who resides in Grand Rapids, Michigan. OLIVER advised that FORD was not married while attending the University of Michigan; however, he married several years later.

OLIVER stated he is acquainted with FORD's family and has seen FORD and FORD's wife and children on several occasions in the past. He stated that he knows of

no finer individual than GERALD FORD and would highly recommend him for the high position of Vice President of the United States.

LOUIS A. WEIL, JR., former Publisher of the now-defunct "Grand Rapids (Michigan) Herald," former Editor and Publisher of the "Lansing (Michigan) State Journal," former Publisher of the "Lafayette (Indiana) Journal and Courier," and present member of the Board of Gannett Newspapers, Inc., Rochester, New York, was interviewed at the offices of the "Lafayette Journal and Courier," Lafayette, Indiana, on October 17, 1973.

Mr. WEIL advised he first met GERALD FORD in 1947 and prior to this time he was a friend of GERALD FORD's father who helped Mr. WEIL become involved in community affairs in Grand Rapids, Michigan. His first recollection of GERALD FORD was upon FORD's return from the war and his entering law practice. He became well acquainted with FORD when FORD ran for Congress in the 1948 campaign.

WEIL stated he saw FORD periodically during the period of 1948 - 1958 at social and political affairs. FORD's wife was an instructress of an exercise group in town, so their wives became acquainted and subsequently became good friends. In 1959, WEIL left town and saw little of FORD thereafter. He last saw FORD at a Gridiron Dinner in the District of Columbia in March of 1970.

WEIL stated that he editorially supported FORD in his newspapers and was a staunch supporter of FORD. At no time did he have any business dealings with FORD, work for him in any manner, or publish or print any documents or papers for him.

WEIL stated that he was close to the scene in Grand Rapids and if there were the least whisper of wrongdoing by FORD, he would have heard it. He has not heard the least of negative remarks concerning FORD, nor gossip, nor innuendo from political opponents. He remarked that in his day FORD was a great athlete, but is not flamboyant, is not a showman, nor is he a great speech maker. He is not an exciting personality and is low key in his approach, all favorable traits according to Mr. WEIL.

Mr. WEIL felt that FORD's loyalty was beyond question, and he was above reproach in all areas. He stated that his ability is also above question, remarking that if he did not produce for his constituency, he would never have been re-elected. Mr. WEIL heartily endorsed GERALD FORD for the position of Vice President of the United States of America.

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Office: CLEVELAND, OHIO

Field Office File #: (161-928)

Title: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

Bureau File #:

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

FRANCIS MICHAEL WISTERT, Toledo, Ohio, advised he was an associate of appointee 1931-1933, when they both were members of the University of Michigan Football Team. His association with appointee since 1933 consisted only of rare and brief meetings at social functions and occasional correspondence regarding Federal legislative proposals. WISTERT highly recommended appointee for high governmental appointment.

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DETAILS:

On October 17, 1973, Mr. FRANCIS MICHAEL WISTERT, 3822 West Central Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, was contacted at his offices at Eltra Corporation, 511 Hamilton Street, Toledo, where he holds the position of Vice President. Mr. WISTERT advised he remembers GERALD R. FORD very well as a fellow member of the varsity football team at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Mr. FORD entered that institution as a freshman student in 1931 and Mr. WISTERT was personally acquainted with him socially and as a fellow athlete from that time through the 1933 school year when Mr. WISTERT graduated. He said it was his understanding Mr. FORD later was voted most valuable player of the University of Michigan Football Team at the completion of his last year there in 1934.

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Mr. WISTERT has maintained no close association with Mr. FORD since 1933, although he has met and spoken with him briefly on several occasions at social functions during the intervening years. Mr. WISTERT said he last met Mr. FORD in December, 1972, when Mr. FORD was presented a Gold Medal Award from the National Football Hall of Fame - an honor previously afforded such dignitaries as DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, JOHN F. KENNEDY, and RICHARD M. NIXON. He advised he also has corresponded with Mr. FORD from time to time to express his personal interest in Federal legislative proposals before the Congress of the United States, in connection with which Mr. FORD has been constantly fair, honest, and true to the best interest of his constituency.

Mr. WISTERT continued that he has always regarded GERALD R. FORD as a person of excellent character - a typical all-American boy in college, and a solid, loyal American citizen and public official since his college days. He said he never knew Mr. FORD to smoke or to drink alcoholic beverages in college and never has known or heard of a derogatory remark from anyone as to his character or personal habits.

Mr. WISTERT said he believed Mr. FORD was a member in good standing of two honor societies at the University of Michigan while a student there - Sphinx and Michiguans; also he was business manager of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity there and did a very good job of maintaining an orderly and clean Fraternity House and capably managing the financial records.

Mr. WISTERT also advised he has no reason to question Mr. FORD's individual or organizational associations at any time, and he considers Mr. FORD an emotionally stable man of outstanding capable abilities, particularly in regard to his chosen field of political endeavor and statesmanship. He said he would recommend the appointee without qualification for a high appointment with the Federal Government.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will report results of review of INS file on [redacted]

2. Will report results of interview with [redacted] Intelligence Division, IRS, Chicago; WILLIAM S. KENNEY, U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division, Chicago; and [redacted]

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Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Results of interview of union representative LEONARD  
WOODCOCK, President, UAW, favorable and recommends.  
PAT GREATHOUSE, Vice President, UAW, not personally  
acquainted with appointee.

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Union Representatives

On October 17, 1973, LEONARD WOODCOCK, President, United Auto Workers Union, 8000 East Jefferson Street, Detroit, Michigan, was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] in Chicago, Illinois. He said he has known GERALD FORD since 1948 when they were fellow citizens of Grand Rapids, Michigan. At that time, he worked in FORD's behalf in the Republican primary election for Congress. WOODCOCK and others were part of a coalition which worked for FORD in an effort to defeat the then incumbent who was an isolationist.

WOODCOCK said he and FORD have always been members of opposite political parties in that WOODCOCK is a Democrat and they have not been closely associated since the above primary although he has seen him occasionally over the years. The last time he saw him was in early 1973 when both were awarded honorary degrees by Grand Valley State College, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

He said he considers FORD completely honest, of unquestionable integrity, a loyal American citizen and a fine family man of good morals and moderate personal habits. To the best of his knowledge, FORD is free from bias or prejudice in racial, religious or labor-management matters. He has never had the opportunity to appraise FORD's ability as an attorney.

WOODCOCK said he was quite pleased with FORD's nomination as Vice-President of the United States as "he has the capacity to bring a torn country together". He considers him capable of being President but said he would not vote for him inasmuch as WOODCOCK is of the opposite political party.

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He said he knows of nothing in his background, associates or affiliations which could embarrass him as Vice-President.

On October 17, 1973, PAT GREATHOUSE, Vice President, United Auto Workers-CIO Headquarters, Detroit, Michigan, was contacted at Chicago, Illinois, where he is attending a union bargaining session. Mr. GREATHOUSE stated he has never met Mr. FORD, and never had any contact or association with him and therefore feels he is not qualified to comment concerning him.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (1) Will obtain comments from Representative KENNETH J. GRAY when available.

(2) Will interview psychiatrist treating appointee's wife.

(3) Will determine identity of wife's former husband and set forth appropriate leads.

(4) Will interview FRANK E. FITZSIMMONS, International Union of Teamsters, when available.

(5) Will report results of check of records of Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives.

(6) Will review records concerning private bills introduced by FORD.

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Background information set forth as furnished by appointee. Employment, U.S. Congress Office, verified. Senators and Representatives interviewed with comments set forth. No unfavorable information furnished. White House and other associates recommend. Comments of political, civil rights, labor and religious leaders set forth. No unfavorable information furnished. Appointee unknown to Bar Association officials contacted. Membership in Congressional and Burning Tree Country Clubs verified; no discriminatory membership policies exist. GAO has received no request for investigation of appointee's campaign contributions. GAO requested by House Judiciary Staff to furnish reports of Michigan Presidential campaign. Allegation made in Newsweek Magazine concerning appointee contracting with Life Magazine to do "inside story" for a "handsome fee" on results of Warren Commission. Comments of former Chief Justice EARL WARREN and former Senator JOHN SHERMAN COOPER set forth. Personal physician advised appointee has no serious health problems. Physician of appointee's wife interviewed and comments regarding her medical condition set forth. Appointee's wife has also had psychiatric consultations. Satisfactory credit record. Police checks negative. No record: CSC, HCIS, SS. Admittance to practice before Supreme Court verified. No record State Security. Passport information set forth. Information from records of Library of Congress set

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forth. Articles by DREW PEARSON and JACK ANDERSON in 1967 and 1971 alleged appointee intervened on behalf of AVCO Corporation. FBI investigation of AVCO contract revealed no involvement or mention of FORD. INS records determined FORD introduced a bill on behalf of alien [REDACTED] in 1969. Washington Star-News contained article of October 16, 1973, entitled "Donors to Ford Unknown", regarding, "secret fund-raising campaign" for appointee in 1972 election. Former Chairman of fund-raising campaign recalls forwarding money to re-election committee in Michigan, but no list of donors available.

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One (1) copy October, 1973, memorandum from CLARENCE MITCHELL, Director, Washington Bureau NAACP.

One (1) copy article from The Washington Post, December 28, 1967, by DREW PEARSON and JACK ANDERSON entitled 'Bugging Data Links GOP Bigwigs'.

One (1) copy article from The Washington Post Times Herald of April 10, 1971, by JACK ANDERSON entitled, "Truth Strained on Hill Shadowing".

One (1) copy article from Washington Star-News October 16, 1973, by JAMES POLK entitled, "Donors to Ford Unknown".

One (1) copy article from The Evening Star, February 11, 1971, by JAMES POLK entitled, "Ford Didn't Report \$11,500 Contributed to His Campaign".

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Interview of Appointee

The appointee, Representative GERALD RUDOLPH FORD (Michigan), volunteered the following background information to SA [REDACTED], on October 16, 1973:

At the outset he stressed he knows of no information concerning him or his family which can be considered as having any potential for embarrassment to President NIXON or to his administration, nor to him, his family, or personal staff. He said, however, there are some factors concerning his political life which may be "grist" for newspaper articles concerning his finances. In this latter regard he referred to recent articles by JAMES R. POLK of the Associated Press and ROBERT WINTERBERGER, author of the book entitled "Washington Payoff."

At the outset of the interview, Representative FORD telephoned his accountant, [REDACTED], a certified public accountant in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and instructed him to immediately prepare a net worth statement of Representative FORD's finances. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], have handled Representative FORD's finances and tax reports for approximately 23 years. He instructed [REDACTED] to make available all financial records to representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and also to furnish these representatives copies of all Federal and State tax returns for the previous 10 years and, if needed, all copies of income tax returns in the possession of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

Review of Bank Accounts Presently in the Possession of Representative FORD

Representative FORD and his wife, ELIZABETH BLOOMER FORD, maintain a joint account in the Central

Bank, Grand Rapids, Michigan. He characterized this account as being dormant and its balance as of October 1, 1973, amounted to \$200.00. This account balance fluctuates between \$200 and \$600 and is generally drawn upon by Representative FORD's wife as so-called "pin money" during infrequent trips made by her to Grand Rapids, Michigan. Representative FORD maintains an attorney account in the Union Bank and Trust Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan, which he established in the 1940's when he was engaged in the private practice of law in Grand Rapids. This account is dormant and its balance as of September 29, 1973, is \$106.10. Representative FORD maintains a personal account in the Grand Rapids Mutual Federal Savings and Loan Association, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The balance of this account as of July 5, 1973, is \$278.06.

#### Stocks and Bonds

Representative FORD is the holder of debentures of the Ford Paint and Varnish Company, Grand Rapids, a family owned company, which are valued at approximately \$9,000. These debentures fell due on July 1, 1970. By agreement between Representative FORD and the company the term on these debentures was extended to December 1, 1975, at a rate of interest amounting to 8% per annum. The denomination of these debentures are as follows:

- 1 - \$750 debenture
- 1 - \$1,025 debenture
- 1 - \$500 debenture
- 1 - \$6,756.25 debenture

The foregoing debentures are the only investments held by Representative FORD. He has not owned any stock nor has he had any other financial interest in any business endeavor.

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Representative FORD's wife, ELIZABETH BLOOMER FORD, is the holder of the following stocks:

Central Telephone Company of Illinois  
135 Shares            Value as of August 1, 1972  
\$13.00 per Share.

Stein Roe and Farnham Balance Fund, Inc.  
57.423 Shares        Value as of August, 1972  
\$124 per Share.

Representative FORD serves as trustee for his two eldest children in an undetermined amount of stock issued in his children's name. Information relating to these holdings are in the possession of his accountant,

Representative FORD is the holder of five building fund notes issued by the Furniture City Post # 258, American Legion, Grand Rapids, Michigan, in the denomination of \$5.00 per note. These notes were issued on August 2, 1957, and Representative FORD considers them as having no value whatever and as purely a memento.

Representative FORD is the holder of one U.S. Government Series E Savings Bond in the denomination of \$25.00 which he purchased in January, 1971. He noted he has never been the owner of any other bond or indebtedness of the U.S. Government.

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Real Estate

Representative FORD and his wife and family maintain a residence at 514 Crown View Drive, Alexandria, Virginia. This residence was constructed by him approximately 18 years ago and is owned free and clear. He maintains a two-family residence at 1624 Sherman Street, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan, which he has owned free and clear since approximately 1950.

He maintains a condominium apartment in Vail, Colorado, which he purchased on May 1, 1970, from [REDACTED] a Vail Real Estate Development. He purchased this property for \$50,500 which he financed as follows:

\$7,734.37	Withdrawn from his account at Grand Rapids Mutual Savings and Loan Association (his bank balance there at that time was \$7,759.37).
\$9,000	Borrowed from his paid up life insurance policies.
\$14,000	Loan obtained from National Bank of Washington, Washington, D.C., through Clerk of the House of Representatives.
\$3,700	Loan from his son, MICHAEL GERALD FORD.
\$2,700	Loan from his son, JOHN GARDNER FORD.
\$1,100	Loan from his son, STEVEN MEIGS FORD.
\$1,000	Loan from his daughter, SUSAN ELIZABETH FORD.

Concerning the foregoing loans from his children, Representative FORD issued them notes for the amounts of their loans and has repaid these debts. He acknowledged that the foregoing amounts are at variance with the purchase price

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of the Vail condominium and that certain details concerning this transaction are in possession of his accountants at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Representative FORD is the holder of one quarter interest in a lot and hunting cottage in Cadillac, Michigan. He values this interest as being approximately \$2,000. He joined in the purchase of this property with [redacted] and a [redacted] all of Grand Rapids, Michigan. The venture is known as Caberfae Literary Association, Caberfae, Michigan.

The foregoing real estate composes all of Representative FORD's realty interest. With the exception of the foregoing he has not held any other interest in any real estate. Representative FORD is unaware of any restrictive covenants relating to the foregoing real estate holdings.

Representative FORD, during his telephone conversation with his accountant, [redacted], indicated he is unaware of the value of his real estate holdings and that he will immediately order the municipal real estate assessor of the various properties to forward their evaluations to [redacted] for the purpose of compiling the Representative's net worth statement. In addition, he and Mrs. FORD will also fix a valuation of their personal property and forthwith furnish it also to [redacted].

#### Life Insurance

Representative FORD is the holder of \$25,000 in paid up life insurance purchased from the New England Mutual Insurance Company through a broker in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The details of this purchase are in possession of his accountants there. He recalls there are three policies; one is in the denomination of \$15,000.00 and there are two \$5,000.00 policies.

#### Retirement Fund

The value of Representative FORD's paid up

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retirement is not specifically known by him but is available through the Office of the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives.

NOTE GUARANTEES

Representative FORD is not presently the guarantor of any indebtedness incurred by any other parties. At no time has he ever guaranteed similar indebtedness.

AUTOMOBILES

The following vehicles were purchased by Representative FORD and are presently titled in his name:

1 - 1968 Chrysler Four-Door sedan - maintained at Alexandria, Virginia, residence.

1 - 1969 Mustang - maintained at Alexandria residence.

1 - 1972 Jeep - in possession of son, JOHN GARDNER FORD, at Utah State University, Logan, Utah.

1 - 1971 Mustang - maintained by son, MICHAEL GERALD FORD, at Gordon Cromwell Theological School, Hamilton, Massachusetts.

He is unaware of the market value of these vehicles and he directed his accountant to value them at the current "Blue Book" valuations.

OTHER INCOME

Minority Leaders Account

Representative FORD receives \$250 per month for entertainment expenses in connection with Republican Caucus luncheons sponsored by him as minority leader. Disbursements from this account are also made for operation of his district office.

DISTRICT OFFICE ACCOUNT

Representative FORD receives \$450 on a quarterly basis for payment of district office expenses such as



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telephone and business materials used by his district office in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

HOUSE CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE  
CONTRIBUTIONS

Representative FORD receives approximately \$500 on a quarterly basis to defray the expenses incurred in the production of radio and TV spot political announcements, which are produced for presentation in his Congressional district. As of October 1, 1973, the balance of the account was \$226.

AREAS IN WHICH REPRESENTATIVE FORD FEELS HE  
MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEWSPAPER CRITICISM

ROBERT WINTER-BERGER

Representative FORD advised he had casual, intermittent, political contact with ROBERT WINTER-BERGER in New York City, New York, during the period 1966-1968. WINTER-BERGER is the author of "Washington Payoff", a book published in 1970 by the Dell Publishing Company, New York City. The book deals with so-called "influence peddling" at the U.S. House of Representatives and particularly describes the activities of NATHAN VOLUSHEN and MARTIN ZWEIG, former Administrative Assistant to Speaker of the House of Representatives, JOHN MC CORMACK. Representative FORD said WINTER-BERGER unfairly characterized his association with the Representative's office and suggested in the book that WINTER-BERGER received numerous courtesies and assistance in various matters. WINTER-BERGER also suggested that he had contributed funds to Representative FORD's campaign. Representative FORD said that on two or three or four occasions when WINTER-BERGER suggested that he would contribute to Representative FORD's campaign organization, Representative FORD refused all of these proffered contributions. Representative FORD said he "told WINTER-BERGER to make a contribution to the House Republican Campaign Committee or to any local or national Republican organization."

Following publication of WINTER-BERGER's book,

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Representative FORD and his administrative assistant, FRANK MEYER (deceased) determined through inquiry of various Republican campaign organizations that WINTER-BERGER had contributed \$500 to the Kent County Michigan Republican Organization and had made no other campaign donations.

JAMES R. POLK

Representative FORD is aware of articles published by JAMES R. POLK, Associated Press, in 1971 and 1973, in which they alleged the Representative violated the so-called Corrupt Practices Act. Representative FORD advised that in election years when he receives an excess of campaign donations he customarily endorses these checks over to the House Republican Campaign Committee and that thereafter he has no control over the distribution of these monies. He said POLK in the 1971 articles drew the conclusion that the excess campaign contributions were detoured through Republican headquarters because the amount of excess campaign funds approximated the amount of money distributed to other FORD campaign committees by the House Republican Campaign Committee.

Attached hereto as enclosures are copies of an article by JAMES R. POLK entitled "FORD Didn't Report \$11,500 Contributed to His Campaign" from the February 11, 1971, edition of "The Evening Star" and an article by JAMES R. POLK entitled "Rep. FORD Failed to Report \$11,500" from the February 12, 1971, edition of "The Washington Post."

Fifth District Account  
Union Bank and Trust Company  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Representative FORD advised that approximately 10 or 15 years ago following a campaign for re-election, he deposited excess campaign donations in the Fifth District Account and subsequently used these funds for the payment of incidental expenses incurred by him in the conduct of his district and Capitol Hill Office. Withdrawals and deposits to this account are in the sole control of Representative FORD. Items for which withdrawals are made are for the purpose of weekly or bi-monthly publications of the Representative's news letter. They are also used to defray the cost of Representative FORD's clipping service in Washington, D.C.

It is Representative FORD's habit to also utilize this account in the payment of transportation expenses incurred by him as a result of numerous speaking engagements throughout the country. In this regard he purchases his transportation by means of a withdrawal from this account and receives reimbursement for his transportation from those organizations before whom he speaks.

Representative FORD advised he receives numerous donations from constituents in Michigan which he applies to the Fifth District Account.

The balance of this account as of October 1, 1973, amounted to \$777.11.

Representative FORD noted he has never reported the Fifth District Account as personal income in the preparation of his various tax returns. He views the account as a business expense and has been advised of the existence of an Internal Revenue Service ruling which supports his view as to the usage of the account. He displayed a copy

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of a publication dated September 4, 1973, by the Bureau National Affairs, Inc., Washington, D.C., which, in Representative FORD's opinion also reinforces his view that the Fifth District Account is a business type account.

Outstanding Indebtedness

Representative FORD advised he is presently indebted in the amount of approximately \$1,600 as a result of a loan obtained from the National Bank of Washington, the proceeds of which were distributed to him by the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Representative FORD advised he has no other indebtedness other than of a normal household variety.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Representative FORD recalls he had made an application for employment as a Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, in approximately June, 1941, following his graduation from Yale Law School. He feels that data relating to his natural father and the existence of half brother(s) who have been born as a result of remarriage of his natural father to be accurate. He noted he never has maintained a close relationship with his natural father nor with his half brother, LESLIE KING, JR., of Cookeville, Tennessee. He is unaware whether he has any additional half brothers or half sisters as a result of this remarriage.

Parents:

Father - LESLIE KING

Date of Birth unknown; Representative FORD last saw his natural father in approximately 1935 and believes he deceased sometime during World War II.

Mother:

(Deceased)

Step Father:

GERALD PUDCLPH FORD (Deceased)

Half Brothers:

THOMAS FORD, age 55;  
resides East Grand Rapids, Michigan.

RICHARD ADDISON FORD, age 49;  
resides East Grand Rapids, Michigan.

JAMES FRANCIS FORD, age 47;  
resides Grand Rapid, Michigan.

LESLIE KING, JR., age 45 to 50;  
resides Cookeville, Tennessee (born following the remarriage of Representative FORD's natural

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father; the identity of his natural father's second wife is unknown).

Wife:

ELIZABETH BLOOMER FORD, age 55 years, born Chicago, Illinois; resides in Alexandria, Virginia.

Sons:  
(All born in  
Washington, D. C.)

MICHAEL GERALD FORD, age 23, student at Gordon Cromwell Theological School, Hamilton, Massachusetts.

JOHN GARDNER FORD, age 21; resides on campus at Utah State University, Logan, Utah.

STEPHEN MEIGS FORD, age 17; resides at family home in Alexandria, Virginia.

Daughter:

SUSAN ELIZABETH FORD, age 16; born Washington, D. C.; resides Holton Arms School, Montgomery County, Maryland.

Representative FORD advised his natural father, LESLIE KING, and his mother were divorced when he was approximately two years old, he believes, in Omaha, Nebraska. Following this, his mother returned to Grand Rapids, Michigan, where she married GERALD R. FORD in approximately 1930. Representative FORD was adopted by his stepfather and assumed the name GERALD RUDOLPH FORD. He believes the adoption was approved by a probate court in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Concerning his natural father, Representative FORD last saw him in the mid 1930's during a brief visit made by his natural father to Grand Rapids, Michigan. At that time he believes his natural father resided at Riverton, Wyoming. As indicated

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earlier, Representative FORD has never maintained a close relationship with his half brother, LESLIE KING, JR., who may or may not have information as to the existence of additional half brothers or half sisters born to Representative FORD's natural father.

Organizational Memberships

American Legion  
Grand Rapids (Michigan) Rotary  
South Kent County Kiwanis  
Malta Lodge - Grand Rapids  
York Lodge - Grand Rapids  
Michigan Farm Bureau  
Peninsula Club - Grand Rapids  
University Club - Grand Rapids  
Press Club - Grand Rapids  
Kent Country Club - Grand Rapids  
Burning Tree Country Club - Bethesda, Maryland  
Congressional Country Club - Bethesda, Maryland

EMPLOYMENTS

Representative FORD advised that he had part-time employments during his high school years as well as during his college and law school but he does not readily recall them at the moment. He will endeavor to obtain information concerning these employments and will make them available to the FBI.

FORD AND BUCHEN ATTORNEYS, Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Partner - 1941 to period immediately prior to  
his entrance into the U.S. Navy.

BUTTERFIELD, KEENEY, AND AMBERG - ATTORNEYS  
Grand Rapids, Michigan  
February 19, 1946, to January, 1949.

FOREIGN TRAVEL

Representative FORD's first travel in a civilian capacity occurred in July, 1953, when he and other members of the House Committee on Appropriations conducted an inspection tour of Southeast Asia. From this time to the mid 1972, all travel by him was in connection with his responsibility as a member of the House of Representatives.

In November, 1972, Representative FORD and Mrs. FORD travelled to Jamaica for a one week vacation.



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EMPLOYMENT

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

On October 17, 1973, SA [REDACTED] caused a search to be made of the records of the House Disbursing Office. The record indicates that GERALD R. FORD was elected to the 81st Congress of the United States on November 2, 1948, as Representative of the Fifth District of the State of Michigan, and continues to serve in this capacity to the present time. FORD was elected Minority Leader of the House of Representatives on January 4, 1965.

The record contains no additional pertinent information.

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U.S. Senators

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [ ] on October 17, 1973:

U.S. Senator HUBERT H. HUMPHREY, Minnesota, advised he has known the appointee since 1949. He explained the appointee came to the House of Representatives the same year that he came to the U.S. Senate. He stated he knows the appointee to be a very honest, decent, trustworthy, dependable, capable person. He is a person of high integrity and he considers him to be a very fine man in every respect. He stated he did not know of anything of a derogatory nature regarding his character, associates, reputation or loyalty. He is a fair, objective person who is very highly regarded professionally and personally. He recommended him for a high position of trust and confidence.

U.S. Senator HENRY M. JACKSON, Washington, advised he originally served with the appointee for four years in the House of Representatives and has known him to the present time casually professionally in relation to their work in Congress. He described the appointee as being very qualified for the position of Vice President of the United States, adding he is reliable, honest, trustworthy, and a person who keeps his word. He further stated the appointee is dependable, objective, and very fair. He is highly regarded professionally and personally. He commented favorably regarding his character, associates, reputation and loyalty. He stated he intends to vote for his confirmation and he recommended him for a high position of trust and confidence.

U.S. Senator WILLIAM L. SCOTT, Virginia, advised he has known the appointee as a colleague in the U.S. House of Representatives from November, 1966, through 1972 and has continued to know him as the Senator from Virginia to the present time. He has visited in his home and knows him

casually socially. He stated the appointee spoke for him on a couple of occasions on a fund raising campaign and he stated he intends to vote for his confirmation for the position of Vice President of the United States. He described the appointee as being a very good person of high integrity. He is highly regarded both professionally and personally. He commented favorably regarding his character, associates, reputation, and loyalty and he recommended him for a high position of trust and confidence.

U.S. Senator ROBERT P. GRIFFIN, Michigan, and Minority Whip, U.S. Senate, advised he has known the appointee since 1956 when they served in the U.S. House of Representatives together until 1966 when he, Senator GRIFFIN, became the Senator from Michigan. He has continued to know him professionally, politically, and socially to the present time and also knows his family socially. He considers his family to be very fine persons in all respects. Appointee is a very capable, reliable, dependable, and trustworthy person who is highly regarded by his colleagues and he considers him to be an excellent choice for the position of Vice President of the United States. He added the appointee is a fair and honest person and he commented favorably regarding his character, associates, reputation and loyalty. He recommended the appointee for a high position of trust and confidence.

U.S. Senator PHILIP A. HART, Michigan, advised he has known the appointee since 1954. He knew him casually professionally from 1954 and became closer professionally from 1958 when he, Senator HART, was elected to the U.S. Senate and he has also known him socially along with Mrs. FORD since 1958. He described the appointee as being a very sound and good person of excellent personal habits. He is a very decent, honest, and straightforward person

who is highly regarded professionally and personally. He commented favorably regarding the character, associates, reputation, and loyalty of the appointee and his spouse and he recommended the appointee for a high position of trust and confidence.

U.S. Senator THOMAS F. EAGLETON, Missouri, advised he has known the appointee since 1969 casually socially and professionally having met with him infrequently over the years. He stated he does not know of anything of an adverse nature regarding the appointee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty. To his knowledge the appointee is a person of high integrity and excellent moral standards. He is fair, objective, dependable, honest, and trustworthy. He stated he would have no objection at this time to the appointment of the appointee to a high position of trust and confidence.

U.S. Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND, Mississippi, advised he has known the appointee casually professionally over the past 10 years and described him as being a fine man who is capable, fair, objective, honest, dependable, and trustworthy. He commented favorably regarding his character, associates, reputation and loyalty. He would vote for the appointee's confirmation and he recommended him for a high position of trust and confidence.

U.S. Senator EDMUND MUSKIE, Maine, advised he has known the appointee since 1959. He stated he does not know him socially but does know him through official contact and by reputation, adding because of his character and integrity he would support the appointee, adding he has bipartisan respect. He commented favorably regarding his character, associates, reputation and loyalty and he recommended him for a high position of trust and confidence.

U.S. Senator ROBERT C. BYRD, West Virginia, advised he did not desire to comment regarding the appointee at this time.

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[REDACTED] Executive Secretary to U.S. Senator HARRY F. BYRD, JR., Virginia, advised the senator has been unavailable for the past three days. He is in a travel status. She does not know when he will be available and she could not furnish any forwarding address.

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United States House of Representatives

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on October 17, 1973:

[redacted] Clerk, United States House of Representatives Office of Finance, advised the appointee, Representative GERALD R. FORD (Michigan) was elected to the 81st Congress on November 2, 1948, and has served continuously as Representative of the 5th Michigan Congressional District to the present time. He also had been elected as Minority Leader of the House of Representatives on January 4, 1965, and presently serves in this capacity.

The following members of the Michigan Congressional Delegation were interviewed:

Representative MARVIN L. ESCH advised he has been a personal friend and political colleague of the appointee since 1966. He describes him as a respected and honored member of the Republican Party who has served as a steadying influence in the passage of numerous legislative matters. He holds the respect of all Democratic members of the House as well as his associates within the Republican Party. Representative ESCH has been a house guest in the appointee's residence in Alexandria, Virginia, on numerous occasions where he has met the appointee's wife and his children. He characterizes his home life as being substantial and orderly. He knows of no unfavorable information concerning the appointee's morals, mannerisms or orientation. He considers him a loyal American of good character, reputation and associates. He will vote to confirm the appointee's nomination as Vice President.

Representative CHARLES E. CHAMBERLAIN advised he has been a close personal friend and political associate of the appointee during the past 16 years. He describes him as a unifying influence among Republicans and Democrats. During his service as Minority Leader the appointee always has displayed his expertise in directing legislative arguments and in the resolution of conflicts between various political factions. In his opinion the appointee's only weakness is in the area of foreign relations but he does not consider this a disabling problem. He ranks him as equal to or superior to any of the recent Presidential nominees of the Democrat Party. He has no question concerning his suitability for continued public service as Vice President. He knows of no unfavorable information concerning his character, associates, reputation or loyalty. He will vote to confirm him when the appointee's nomination is presented to the House of Representatives.

Representative GUY ADRIAN VANDER JAGT advised he has served with the appointee as a member of the Michigan Congressional Delegation since 1966 and has known him on a political basis for approximately 18 years. Representative VANDER JAGT has been in the appointee's company in attendance at numerous social engagements both in Washington, D. C., and in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where Representative VANDER JAGT had previously practiced law. He describes the appointee as a moderate person in his personal habits and as a gentleman in all respects. He has no question concerning his personal or professional ethics. He recommends him to the position of Vice President of the United States saying he knows of no better qualified person to occupy this post. The appointee's patriotism, ethics, reputation and associates are above reproach.

Representative PHILIP E. RUPPE advised he has been a close personal and professional associate of the appointee since 1966. He views him as eminently qualified by virtue of his long and honorable career as a member of the House of

Representatives to discharge the function of Vice President in the most satisfactory and complimentary manner. He knows of no question concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty. He recommends him without exception to the post of Vice President of the United States.

Representative JAMES G. O'HARA advised he has been a member of the Michigan Congressional Delegation since 1958 and has worked closely with the appointee on numerous legislative matters. He describes him as a competent and steady influence among the appointee's colleagues of various political persuasions. Representative O'HARA and the appointee are members of opposing political parties. He has been a house guest in his residence in Alexandria and has traveled extensively with him in connection with congressional matters. He agrees with President NIXON's selection of the appointee and will vote to confirm him as Vice President. He knows of no unfavorable information concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty.

Representative LUCIEN NORBERT NEDZI has been a member of the Michigan Delegation since 1961 and has, from time to time, differed with the appointee in their political philosophy. Although Representative NEDZI is a member of the Democratic Delegation he has always held the appointee in the highest personal and professional esteem. He has no question concerning his integrity, morals or reputation. He views him as a loyal American citizen and will vote to confirm the appointee.

Representative JOHN D. DINGELL advised he has been a personal friend and colleague of the appointee for more than ten years. He has no question concerning his capabilities and integrity. However, he is not yet certain whether he will vote to confirm the appointee because of political differences



relating to President NIXON's refusal to make available recordings and tapes sought by the so called Senate Watergate Committee and by Special Prosecutor ARCHIBALD COX. His differences with the appointee are purely political and do not relate to any other area. He knows of no unfavorable information concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty.

Representative WILLIAM S. BROOMFIELD advised he has known the appointee as a member of the Michigan Delegation since 1956. He describes him as the most qualified person in the United States to occupy the post of Vice President. He knows of no unfavorable information concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty. He recommends him to a position of trust and responsibility in the United States Government.

Representative EDWARD HUTCHINSON advised he has known the appointee on a professional and political basis for more than ten years. During this time he never has had any cause to question the appointee's sincerity, morals or loyalty to the United States. He has no question concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty. Representative HUTCHINSON will vote to confirm the appointee.

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United States Representative THOMAS P. O'NEILL, Massachusetts, Majority Leader of the House of Representatives, advised that he has known the appointee on a professional basis for many years. He stated that he is "delighted that the President chose FORD." O'NEILL knows of no derogatory information concerning the appointee either professionally or personally. Although he has never had any social contact as such, his professional contacts with him lead him to believe that he is a person of very high integrity and discretion. He is absolutely a loyal American and O'NEILL is pleased to recommend him for the position of Vice President.

United States Representative JOHN J. MC FALL, California, Majority Whip, United States House of Representatives, advised that he has known the appointee on a professional basis for sixteen years or seventeen years. He has resided in the same Alexandria, Virginia, neighborhood as FORD for fourteen years, and they attend the same church. Their children attend school together. He has travelled to some extent with appointee, GERALD FORD, in connection with official business and has observed him both under professional and under more social conditions. He described the appointee as "a good choice for Vice President." FORD is a person who has an extremely stable personality. MC FALL's observations of the appointee's family life indicate that they have a fine marriage, and that FORD is a loving father to his children. He is a very hard-working United States Representative and will certainly continue these work habits as Vice President. MC FALL knows of absolutely nothing in the appointee's background either personally or professionally which could prove to be of an embarrassment to him in his position as Vice President.

United States Representative LESLIE C. ARENDS, Illinois, Minority Whip of the United States House of Representatives, advised he has known the appointee

professionally for about twenty-five years. Their families have had social contact throughout this time and during this entire period, ARENDS has observed nothing unfavorable concerning GERALD FORD. He described FORD as an extremely conscientious, capable and energetic representative of the people. He is friendly, sociable as an individual, and is able to get along well with a wide variety of people. Representative ARENDS considers FORD to be a loyal and patriotic American and would recommend him for the position of Vice President.

United States Representative GERRY E. BROWN, Michigan, advised he has known the appointee as a fellow member of the delegation for several years. He has observed that the appointee is a responsible, mature individual of high integrity, and his many years of service in the House of Representatives should in itself be a sign of his excellent character, and reputation. BROWN has never heard anything derogatory regarding FORD and has never observed any objectionable behavior on his part.

United States Representative JAMES HARVEY, Michigan, advised that he has known GERALD FORD for about thirteen years. He stated he is "totally in accord with his selection." HARVEY has met the appointee and his wife socially many times, and knows the appointee's children. He stated that the appointee enjoys an excellent reputation in the State of Michigan, and that Michigan people are "very proud of him." He has never heard anything derogatory concerning the appointee and has never had reason to question his stability, morality or loyalty to this country. He would recommend him highly for the position of Vice President.

United States Representative ELFORD A. CEDERBERG, advised that he has known GERALD FORD in a professional capacity for many years, as a fellow member of the Michigan delegation and as a fellow Representative, they have had considerable contact throughout the years, on a professional basis. During this entire period, he has had only favorable observations to make of FORD. He has never questioned or heard anyone else question the appointee's loyalty

to this country. He believes that FORD will make a fine Vice President.

United States Representative CHARLES C. DIGGS, JR., Michigan, advised that he has known the appointee on a professional basis for nineteen years. During this time, DIGGS has never had reason to question the appointee's reputation or loyalty. DIGGS mentioned that he does not agree with many of FORD's policies, but this is only natural since he also does not agree with many of the President's policies. He is aware that FORD enjoys an excellent professional reputation among his fellow Congressmen and DIGGS knows of nothing which would prove an embarrassment to the appointee as Vice President.

United States Representative WILLIAM D. FORD, Michigan, advised that he has known the appointee for approximately nine years, as a fellow member of the Michigan delegation. He has known the appointee's brother for a longer period than that, and is aware that the entire FORD family enjoys a good reputation in the community. Although he disagrees politically with FORD, he has never heard anyone question the appointee's integrity, loyalty or reputation. He knows of nothing which could prove to be an embarrassment to appointee in his position as Vice President. He highly recommends him for the position of Vice President.

United States Representative MARTHA W. GRIFFITHS, Michigan, advised that she has known the appointee on a professional basis for twenty years. She has met the appointee's wife and socially mixed with them. She has never observed any objectionable social behavior on his part. She described him as a "fine person," and stated that he is "absolutely the finest." She knows of nothing in the appointee's background which would prove to be an embarrassment to him and she has never questioned the appointee's character or reputation. She would recommend him for a position of Vice President.

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WILLIAMS JOURNAL (WJD)

The following investigation at WJD was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on October 16, 1973.

The files of the Personnel Office, WJD, contain no record for the appointee, ERIC R. FORD.

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The files of the Records Office, WJD, indicate the appointee as a United States Representative from Michigan, was appointed by Executive Order Number 11130 of November 29, 1963, as a member of a commission to ascertain, evaluate and report upon the facts relating to the assassination of the late President JOHN F. KENNEDY and the subsequent violent death of the man charged with the assassination.

ERIC R. FORD, Counsellor to the President, advised he first became acquainted with the appointee approximately twenty-five years ago when FORD was a Junior Congressman from the state of Michigan, and he was a member of a Congressional committee. He has had continuing professional and political contact with the appointee to date. He has had close professional contact with the appointee over the years. FORD advised he accompanied Congressman FORD at Congressman FORD's request to be the top staff man on a trip to China approximately a year or so ago. At that time FORD was not a member of the Presidential staff. He stated this is an example of the type of relationship he has had with FORD over the years. He has the highest regard for the appointee and considers him an entirely honest, responsible, respectable and level-headed person. FORD enjoys an excellent professional reputation on the Hill and is highly regarded by everyone with whom he comes in contact.

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HARLOW advised he has also had social contact with the appointee, has visited in his home, and considers him a close personal friend. He has met the appointee's wife, who is a fine decent person, and advised FORD is completely devoted to her and his family. He stated FORD is a man of great personal integrity whose personal habits are above reproach. There is no question of FORD's loyalty to the United States and HARLOW highly recommends him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

WILLIAM TILLYS, Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs, advised he first became acquainted with the appointee approximately eleven years ago when he, TILLYS, was a staff member on the Hill. Since that time they have had continuing professional contact and have worked closely on legislative matters involving the White House and the appointee's position on Capitol Hill. He has always found FORD a very confident, reliable, responsible and dedicated person. FORD is a very open-minded individual and has the ability to accept arguments in all areas of a given subject before rendering a decision. He stated FORD enjoys an excellent political, professional reputation from both sides of the political arena. He has never heard or observed anything of an adverse nature concerning the appointee's professional life in any respect. TILLYS advised he has also had social contact with the appointee and has visited in his home. He considers FORD one of the finest gentlemen he has ever known, that FORD is a devoted family man, and his personal habits are above reproach. There is no question of FORD's loyalty to the United States and TILLYS highly recommends FORD for the position of Vice President of the United States.

EDWARD GARLIT, Counsel to the President, advised he first became acquainted with the appointee on a personal

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basis in 1969, when FORD became President of the United States. He has worked closely with FORD over the past several years in connection with legislation. He stated FORD enjoys an excellent professional reputation and is considered a very honest, trustworthy, forthright person. He is highly regarded by both Democrats and Republicans. GARRETT advised he has had social contact with the appointee and has always found him a fine, decent, respectable person. To his knowledge, FORD is a devoted family man. GARRETT has the highest regard for the appointee in every respect and has never heard or observed anything of an adverse nature regarding the appointee. There is no question of FORD's loyalty to the United States and GARRETT highly recommends the appointee.

MISS MARY WOODS, Executive Assistant and Personal Secretary to the President, advised she first became acquainted with the appointee approximately twenty-five years ago when Mr. FORD was a Congressman in the House of Representatives. Since that time she has had continuing political, professional and personal contact with the appointee. She has the highest regard for the appointee as regards his personal life and has found him a gentleman in every sense of the word. She stated FORD enjoys an excellent professional reputation on the Hill and is highly regarded by members of his own party as well as the members of the opposition party. There is no question of his loyalty to the United States and Miss WOODS highly recommends FORD for the position of Vice President of the United States.

WILLIAM ASH, Assistant to the President; Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), advised he has only known the appointee approximately ten months since the day he, ASH, became Director of OMB. He stated, however, that he has known the appointee by reputation for many years. In this latter respect, ASH stated he has only

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heard the finest statements concerning the appointee as regards both his professional and personal life. Over the past ten months ASI advised he has gained additional respect for the appointee due to their close professional association. He described FORD as a highly competent, intelligent and capable person. As regards his personal life, ASI has always found FORD a very fine, decent, respectable person and a devoted family man. His comments are completely favorable concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation and loyalty and he highly recommends the appointee for the position of Vice President of the United States.



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On October 17, 1973, MELVIN R. LAIRD, Counsellor to the President for Domestic Affairs, White House Office, (WHO), advised Special Agent GEORGE E. SAUNDERS he first became acquainted with the appointee, GERALD R. FORD, in the late 1940's when he, LAIRD, was a State Senator in Wisconsin, and FORD was a member of the United States House of Representatives. Subsequently, he became a member of the United States Congress, and served with FORD on the Appropriations Committee from 1953 - 1965. Subsequently, LAIRD became Secretary of Defense and worked closely with FORD on various official matters affecting the security of this country. He has the highest regard for FORD and considers him one of the most conscientious, dedicated, hard-working men he has ever known. He has completely dedicated himself to service to this country. FORD enjoys an excellent professional reputation, and is highly regarded by everyone on the Hill, on both sides of the political arena. He knows of nothing of an unfavorable nature in any respect regarding FORD's professional life.

LAIRD advised he has also known the appointee socially and considers him a close personal friend. He is closely acquainted with the appointee's wife, BETTY, and the family and advises FORD is completely devoted to them. FORD is a gentleman in every sense of the word, and his personal habits are above reproach.

LAIRD advises there is a malicious rumor circulating to the effect that FORD's wife suffers from alcoholism. He stated that this is an out and out lie. He pointed out Mrs. FORD suffers from back problems which necessitates wearing a collar on her neck, and the intake of various pain pills. On many occasions, while under the influence of the medications, she might appear to be under the influence of alcohol. LAIRD advised he becomes furious when confronted by this rumor, and would appreciate anything that could be done to put a stop to this type of malicious rumor. He stated Mrs. FORD is a very fine, responsible, stable, person who is very moderate in her habits.

LAIRD concludes by stating there is no question of FORD's loyalty to the United States, and he would highly recommend him for the present position for which he is being considered.

On October 17, 1973, ANNE L. ARMSTRONG, Counsellor

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to the President, advised Special Agent SAUNDRES she first became acquainted with the appointee in 1964, in connection with political campaigns. She has worked with him through the years in the political arena. She has always found him to be a very outstanding citizen, who is completely dedicated to the service of his country. She has never heard or observed anything of an adverse nature in any respect concerning his professional life. She advised her social contact has been very limited, but stated FORD has always conducted himself as a gentleman in her presence. Her statements concerning FORD would be entirely favorable and would contain only the highest superlatives. His loyalty to the United States is unquestioned, and she highly recommends him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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On October 17, 1973, Special Agent [REDACTED] contacted RICHARD RYAN, Correspondent, Detroit News, Washington Bureau, 511 National Press Building, Washington, D. C., where he advised that although he is not closely acquainted with the appointee on a social basis, that he has observed both the appointee and his wife at various public and private social affairs, and has found them to be individuals of warmth and cordiality. He further noted that the appointee maintains a favorable reputation amongst Democrats and Republicans, and that the appointee has performed his duties as a member of Congress for The State of Michigan in an exemplary manner. He noted that he had heard nothing of a derogatory nature regarding the appointee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty towards the United States. Mr. RYAN advised that he knows of no reason to question the honesty, integrity, or moral character of the appointee. He stated that he also knows of no reason why the appointee could not be considered for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
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[redacted] Secretary, Knight Newspapers, advised that SAUL FRIEDMAN is currently on assignment in Israel covering the Middle-East War and will not return to Washington for at least two weeks.

[redacted] Office Manager, Detroit News, advised that J. F. TERHORST is currently on vacation in the Smokey Mountains and cannot be reached. He is expected to return to Washington, D.C., sometime during the week of October 22-26, 1973.

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On October 17, 1973, R. W. MARKLEY, JR., Vice President, Ford Motor Company, Washington Staff, 815 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., gave the following information concerning GERALD R. FORD:

MARKLEY advised that he had known FORD for the past 20 years in a professional, business, and social relationship. He considered their relationship to be that of "the very best of friends." Mr. MARKLEY stated that "there is not a dishonest bone in his body."

Mr. MARKLEY advised that FORD and his family were very close friends with the MARKLEY family. He said their wives were the best of friends and their children had grown up with each other.

Mr. MARKLEY said that FORD has an unblemished character and his loyalty to the United States is unquestionable. He said that FORD has the highest respect of anyone that he knows.

Mr. MARKLEY stated that he would give FORD an unqualified endorsement for any position of high trust and confidence.

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On October 17, 1973, WAYNE H. SMITHEY, Director, National Affairs Office, Washington Staff, Ford Motor Company, advised SA [REDACTED] that he first met GERALD R. FORD in the late 1950's. He stated that he met FORD at a University of Michigan dinner at which Ford Motor Company sent representatives. He stated that he has maintained contact with FORD socially and in business. He stated that he frequently deals with him inasmuch as the National Affairs Office of the Ford Motor Company handles their liaison with Capitol Hill. He described FORD as a man of integrity, whose character is excellent and who is a highly honest individual. He stated that FORD is a man who will listen, but who is very analytical at the same time, and is not given to easy commitment or false promises. He stated that he knows of absolutely nothing derogatory, either ethically or morally about GERALD FORD. He stated that he would recommend him for a position of high trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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On October 17, 1973, GEORGE ROMNEY, former Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, who presently maintains offices at 1625 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., advised he has known the appointee primarily in a professional relationship with mutual interest in governmental and political affairs. He stated that the appointee's character, loyalty, and associates are beyond question and he described the appointee as being of the highest dependability, a very able, decent, and fine man. He said he knew nothing of an unfavorable nature concerning the appointee and he believes his selection for the position of Vice President to be a wise and excellent choice. He said he would recommend him without reservation for this position. He noted that he has met the appointee's wife at numerous social functions and regards her as being a highly respectable person concerning whom he knew nothing of an unfavorable nature.

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GEORGE BUSH, Chairman, Republican National Committee, advised that he has personally known GERALD FORD since 1963. He worked with FORD while both men were serving in the United States House of Representatives and has never had anything but the highest regard for his dedication and service to the United States. He has never had any reason to question any of FORD's actions both professionally and socially. He considers him to be a dependable, honest individual who commands the respect of everyone who has ever associated with him.

BUSH stated that he was appalled at various newspaper articles which have questioned FORD's handling of campaign contributions during previous years. He advised that he considers FORD to be a completely honorable man and that allegations concerning his mishandling of campaign contributions are totally without foundation.

He concluded by stating that he would not hesitate to recommend him for the position of Vice-President of the United States, and that he considers him completely qualified for the position based on his years of service to the United States and his unquestionable loyalty, character and integrity.



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On October 16, 1973, the Secretary to ROBERT S. CARTER, National Committeeman, Republican Central Committee, advised SA [REDACTED] that CARTER is out of the country and will not return to the United States until October 27, 1973.

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On October 17, 1973, Mrs. BARBARA MORGAN, Committeewoman, Democratic Central Committee, 3245 O Street, S.E., Washington, D.C., advised that she does not know the Vice President designate, GERALD R. FORD personally but is familiar with his political activities. She stated that Mr. FORD would not have been her choice for Vice President as she and Mr. FORD differ in their political point of view. Mrs. MORGAN advised, however, that she knew of nothing derogatory concerning Mr. FORD's political or personal activities and knew of no reason why he should not be considered for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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On October 17, 1973, SA [REDACTED] contacted Mr. ROBERT S. STRAUSS, Chairman, Democratic National Committee, 1625 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. (WDC), where he advised that he has been socially acquainted with the appointee for approximately four years. He stated that he has observed the appointee and his wife at numerous social functions and has never seen either of them bring discredit to themselves by any actions on their part. He described the appointee as being a capable and intelligent individual who possesses a keen understanding of both foreign and domestic affairs. He stated further that the appointee maintains a favorable reputation amongst both democrats and republicans and that he appears to have performed an exemplary job as a Congressman for the State of Michigan.

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Mr. STRAUSS asserted that he has heard nothing of a derogatory nature regarding the appointee's character, associates, reputation, or loyalty towards the United States Government. He further noted that he does not question his honesty or integrity and knows of no reason to question his qualifications or fitness to serve in any high Government position.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
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Mr. CLARENCE MITCHELL, Director, Washington Bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and Ms. BETTY HOLTON, President, District of Columbia Chapter NAACP furnished a joint statement concerning the appointment of Mr. FORD. At this time they would not issue an official statement as to the position of the NAACP regarding this appointment.

They advised that personally they had no reason to oppose the appointment and feel that the appointment is the best choice in the present administration.

They noted that a review of the appointee's past voting record concerning Human Rights and Civil Rights matters reflected that although he has tried to weaken some Civil Right bills, he has not shown a completely negative attitude by voting against a bill.

MITCHELL noted that he has known the appointee personally and professionally for a number of years and has a high regard for him. He believes the appointee is trustworthy and an honorable man. Neither individual has heard or come across any information which would reflect against his character, associates, reputation or loyalty.

Mr. MITCHELL made available a copy of an official memorandum dated October, 1973, reflecting the results of a research by his staff concerning the voting record of the appointee on matters of interest to the NAACP. He advised that copies of said memorandum will be distributed to all local offices of the NAACP. Both MITCHELL and HOLTON advised that although they would not officially endorse the appointee, they feel that he should be recommended for this position of trust as Vice President of the United States.

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On October 12, 1973, DAVID A. BRODY, Director, B'Nai B'Rith Anti-Defamation League, 1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. advised SA [REDACTED] that he has met Mr. FORD on numerous occasions and has found him free of any prejudice or bigotry. He knew of nothing which would disqualify him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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Mr. STERLING TUCKER, Executive Director, Washington Urban League and Vice Chairman, District of Columbia (D.C.) Council, advised that he is not in general agreement with Mr. FORD's political views, particularly FORD's recent stand on the D. C. Home Rule Bill.

TUCKER stated, however, he believes FORD is an honorable and trustworthy individual. He stated that nothing has come to his attention which would cause him to have any doubts as to the appointee's character, associations, reputation, or loyalty.

TUCKER advised that he is of the opinion that the appointing of FORD was the best and a wise selection, and he would recommend him for a position of trust as Vice President of the United States.

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LABOR LEADERS

United Mine Workers of America, International Union

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on October 17, 1973, at 900 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

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Mr. ARNOLD MILLER, President, advised that he personally has never met GERALD R. FORD; however, would interpose no objection to him as being nominated Vice President of the United States.

He remarked that the Union's position with regard to FORD's appointment was that he was a strong Republican in the sense that he tended to support programs supported by the Republican Party without question and in spite of their value or lack of value. Mr. MILLER also commented he would like the United Mine Workers of America to go on record as desiring that GERALD FORD make a full disclosure of his financial dealings over the past two elections, and that he make available the nature of any individual client dealings he may have had while in public office.

Mr. MIKE TRBOVICH, Vice President, advised he has never had any personal dealings with GERALD FORD; however, Mr. TRBOVICH stated he has never encountered any information which could prove to be a source of embarrassment or in any other way, preclude him from being confirmed by the United States Senate as Vice President of the United States.

Mr. HARRY J. PATRICK, Secretary Treasurer, advised he has never met GERALD FORD and that he has never encountered any information which would cause him to object to GERALD FORD from being confirmed Vice President of the United States.

Mr. ROBERT R. NELSON, Director, Legislative Department, advised that he has had nine years experience working on Capitol Hill in connection with Congressman HECKLER's Office, and that he has met and observed GERALD FORD on several occasions regarding various official functions.

He remarked his experience, regarding GERALD FORD, has led him to believe he is a person of high integrity and one who was straight forward and honest in his personal dealings on Capitol Hill.

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Although Mr. NELSON could offer no bonafide objection regarding FORD's confirmation, he felt that the only criticism with regard to GERALD FORD was that he was a strong Republican Party member and tended to support the programs and policies without regard to their value or lack of value on a particular issue.

Mr. NELSON remarked that in his opinion, GERALD FORD was an excellent nomination overall, and felt he would execute the duties of his office in accordance with his oath of office.



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On October 17, 1973, inquiry by SA [REDACTED] at the office of Mr. FRANK E. FITZSIMMONS, President, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, 25 Louisiana Avenue, N.W., disclosed that Mr. FITZSIMMONS is presently in a travel status, and that he has no known itinerary where he can be contacted until he returns to his Washington, D.C., office on October 19, 1973.

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RELIGIOUS LEADERS

On October 17, 1973, SA [redacted] was advised by the Very Reverend FRANCIS B. SAYRE, JR., Dean of the Washington Cathedral, that he has known the appointee on a casual basis for approximately twenty years. He said that he has had very little direct contact with him and added that most of his knowledge concerning him is by reputation.

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He stated that he appears to be a conscientious individual who is highly regarded by community and government leaders. He knew of nothing unfavorable concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation, loyalty and recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility in Federal Service.

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On October 17, 1973, Father GENO BARONI, Director, Program Development, United States Catholic Conference, 4408 8th Street, N. E., Washington, D. C., advised that he is acquainted with Vice President, designate, GERALD R. FORD, and has been to his office, on numerous occasions, to attend meetings concerning Home Rule and other related matters. Father BARONI stated that he and Mr. FORD have differed many times on political viewpoint; however, he has always had the highest regard for him. He has found Mr. FORD to be of good character, hard working, friendly and a loyal American. He stated that Mr. FORD has always respected the views of others and displayed a demeanor of understanding and fairness. In addition he enjoys a good reputation among his fellow Congressmen.

Father BARONI, knew of nothing derogatory concerning Mr. GERALD R. FORD and felt that he was a capable person to assume the duties of Vice President.

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On October 17, 1973, Dr. ISAAC FRANCK, former Executive Vice President, Jewish Council of Greater Washington, 1330 Massachusetts Avenue, advised SA PERRY SPEEVACK that he has met FORD on no more than two occasions and does not know him well enough to comment except that based on this limited association, he appeared to be gracious and intelligent. He said that he knows of no information which would be detrimental to FORD being placed in a position of trust and confidence with the U. S. Government, especially that of Vice President of the United States.

He advised that DANIEL MANN, his predecessor, would not be acquainted with FORD to any degree which would allow him to comment concerning FORD.

On October 17, 1973, Rabbi STANLEY RABINOWITZ, Adas Isreal Congregation, Washington, D. C., advised that he does not know FORD personally and is in no position to comment concerning FORD.

BAR ASSOCIATION OFFICIALS

The following people were contacted by SA [ ] on October 17, 1973 and were unable to comment on appointee because they were not at all acquainted with him.

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MR. AUSTIN CANFIELD JR.  
President, Bar Association of D.C.  
4400 Jenifer Street, N W.  
Washington, D.C.

MR. BERNARD NORDLINGER  
Past President, Bar Association of D.C.  
1000 Connecticut Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

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On October 17, 1973, JOHN ERIS POWELL, Attorney, Lane and Powell Law Firm, 1250 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., and former Chairman, Judicial Selection Committee, Bar Association of the District of Columbia, advised SA [REDACTED] he did not personally know the appointee, nor could he furnish any pertinent information concerning him.

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COUNTRY CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on October 17, 1973, in Bethesda, Maryland:

Congressional Country Club,  
8500 River Road, Bethesda, Maryland

[REDACTED], Secretary to the Manager  
advised that the appointee has been a member since October,  
1965. The appointee holds a non-resident special membership  
which is offered to all Senators, Congressmen and Presidential  
Appointees requiring the approval of Congress. As a non-  
resident special member the appointee is not permitted to be on  
any of the Club Committees. [REDACTED] stated that the  
appointee uses the club about once a month and has never  
been delinquent.

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Mr. A. E. MARTIN, Manager, advised that he has  
known the appointee since 1965. He is a member held in  
high regard by both members and staff. The appointee has  
never requested any special considerations.

Mr. MARTIN advised that he is not aware of any  
discriminatory procedures being used at Congressional Country  
Club.

Burning Tree Country Club  
Burdet and River Road, Bethesda, Maryland

Mr. JAMES CORRIGAN, Manager, advised that the  
appointee is a resident member and has been since March 7,  
1966. The appointee is not on any of the club committees.  
The appointee uses the club only infrequently never more  
than once a month. Mr. CORRIGAN stated that membership  
is open to all and that he is unaware of any discriminatory  
practices being conducted at the Burning Tree Country Club.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING OFFICE

The following investigation was conducted by SA MAURICE F. DONOGAN, JR. on October 17, 1973:

PHILIP S. HUGHES, Director, Office of Federal Elections, United States General Accounting Office (GAO), advised that GAO has received no request to date from the Clerks of the United States House of Representatives for any investigation of the campaign contributions of appointee and their distributions by him. Under the previous statute (Corrupt Practices Act) and the new law effective May 7, 1972, (Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 - Public Law 92-225) campaign receipts and disbursement reports are sent to the Clerk of the House of Representatives by committees concerned with House elections, to the Secretary of the Senate by committees concerned with Senatorial elections and to the Comptroller General of the United States (GAO) by committees concerned with Presidential and Vice Presidential elections. Under the latter provision GAO has received reports of some 2000 committees on approximately 100,000 pages. Mr. HUGHES noted that some of these reports contain incidental reference to the campaigns of the United States Senators and Representatives.

Mr. HUGHES noted that GAO has received a request from the House Judiciary Staff for the following reports in the possession of GAO by virtue of GAO's responsibility noted above:

- 1) All reports of the Finance Committee to re-elect the President.
- 2) All reports of the Michigan Finance Committee to re-elect the President.
- 3) All reports of the Kent County (Michigan) Republican Finance Committee to re-elect the President.
- 4) All reports of Kent County (Michigan) Republican Committee.
- 5) All reports of the Kent County (Michigan) Republican Women's Committee.
- 6) All reports of the Fifth District (Michigan) Republican Committee.
- 7) All reports of the Michigan Democrats for NIXON (apparently never really activated).

Supervisory authority over the committees under the Federal Election Campaign Act is given to the Clerk of the House, Secretary of the Senate and the Comptroller General.



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Some committee (such as the Republican National Committee) reported to all three but generally the reports were sent to one supervisory authority and any request for investigation would come from that authority as the Clerk of the House for committees concerned with House elections. Prior to the Federal Election Campaign Act, and under the old Corrupt Practices Act the Comptroller General did not have any supervisory authority but the Clerk of the House did have some supervising authority in connection with House elections and received pertinent reports.

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WARREN COMMISSION

The October 22, 1973, issue of "Newsweek" contains an article entitled "GERALD FORD: The Politics of Loyalty." On page 38 the following paragraph appears:

"FORD had one precious brush with impropriety. During his service on the Warren Commission, FORD contracted with Life magazine to do an 'inside story' for a handsome fee. It was timed to appear with the official report, but nearly broke the release date when the commission's own publication schedule was held up. Later, FORD apparently disobeyed Warren's orders by shipping commission transcripts to his ghostwriter for a book entitled 'Portrait of an Assassin'...."

Mr. Chief Justice EARL WARREN, United States Supreme Court, Retired, advised SA [REDACTED] on October 17, 1973, that he never heard, nor has he any knowledge of any story FORD wrote for Life magazine.

Mr. Chief Justice recalled he was appointed by the late President LYNDON B. JOHNSON as Chairman of a commission to investigate the assassination of the late President JOHN F. KENNEDY. The appointee was a member of the commission. In this connection, Mr. Chief Justice advised it was agreed among the members of this commission that the final report of investigation would be the only publication made of the inquiry. He stated he was "shocked" when he heard of the book attributed to Mr. FORD entitled "Portrait of an Assassin" which he has never read.

He pointed out he would allow this statement to stand on its own and based on its contents, the reader could determine the propriety of Mr. FORD's action.

He related the work of the commission was a very depressing task and he (WARREN) has never discussed any phase of it publicly.

He recalled the appointee impressed him as an extremely partisan politician.

Mr. Chief Justice related he feels it would not be fair of him to recommend or not recommend the appointee from any aspect since his contacts with him were occasional meetings "around the table" in connection with the commission's work, and about a dozen meetings during his public or social affairs.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent, [REDACTED] at Washington, D.C.:

On October 17, 1973, JOHN SHERMAN COOPER, Ex-Senator of the State of Kentucky, was interviewed at his office, Seventh Floor, 888 16th Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C.

Senator COOPER was asked to comment on GERALD R. FORD, with special emphasis placed on their relationship during their work on the Warren Commission.

Senator COOPER advised that he had known GERALD R. FORD since he came to Congress in 1948. Senator COOPER stated that Mr. FORD has always been highly respected by him and other members of Congress. He stated that he was a man of honor and the type of man that "his word was his bond."

Senator COOPER had never heard anything derogatory concerning GERALD R. FORD. He advised that FORD was a man of great loyalty and patriotism. Senator COOPER stated that FORD had been in his home and that while there, he had always conducted himself in a correct and proper manner. He always "behaved like decent people". Senator COOPER stated that "GERALD has always been sober and never got tight."

Senator COOPER advised that he had worked with FORD in 1964 while both were members of the Warren Commission. Senator COOPER advised that they worked on the Commission over a period of eight months. Senator COOPER stated that while working on this committee GERALD R. FORD was always faithful in attendance and very loyal. Senator COOPER stated that FORD was excellent in questioning witnesses. FORD was said to have had the respect of all the members of the Commission. Senator COOPER commented that WARREN would lean on him (FORD) quite a bit. Senator COOPER advised that while on the committee and throughout FORD's political life he has known him as a man of reason and good judgment, one that is loyal and diligent.

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Senator COOPER stated, "I would be very surprised if anything would be found the least bit questionable about FORD; in fact, I have never heard a Democrat say anything derogatory about him. He has always been a man of good, sound judgment."

Senator COOPER commented on the fact that some people consider FORD not to be an ambitious person. Senator COOPER stated that this was a misunderstanding in the fact that FORD always tended to his job instead of looking and seeking higher positions.

Senator COOPER stated that he would highly recommend GERALD R. FORD for a high position of honor, trust, and confidence. Senator COOPER stated that hopefully nothing would ever happen to President NIXON, but if it did, he would feel comfortable with FORD as president.

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PERSONAL PHYSICIAN

Office of the Physician, United States Capitol

On October 17, 1973, Doctor FREEMAN H. CARY, Attending Physician, made available the clinical file of the appointee, Representative GERALD R. FORD, pursuant to instructions of Representative FORD. Doctor CARY summarized the appointee as being in excellent health and as having no emotion problems or apparent anxieties. He described the appointee's bodily functions as good. He noted that within the past year, the appointee underwent a surgical process for the correction of a so called "chronic football knee". His recovery following this operation has been excellent and the appointee has resumed full physical activity without any residual problem.

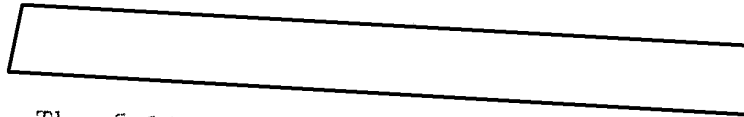
Doctor CARY has attended the appointee during the past six or seven years and the appointee's clinical record covered a span of 25 years. The appointee has been in the habit of undergoing annual general physical exams and at no time during these exams have any serious health problems been noted.


Doctor CARY recalled he and the appointee and Representative HALE BOGGS (Louisiana) (deceased) travelled to the Republic of China in June, 1971 and toured that country for approximately 2½ weeks. During this time he had ample time to observe the appointee and he observed no excess in his personal habits or demeanor. Doctor CARY knows of no unfavorable information concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation, or loyalty. He is favorably disposed toward the appointee's nomination for Vice President of the United States.

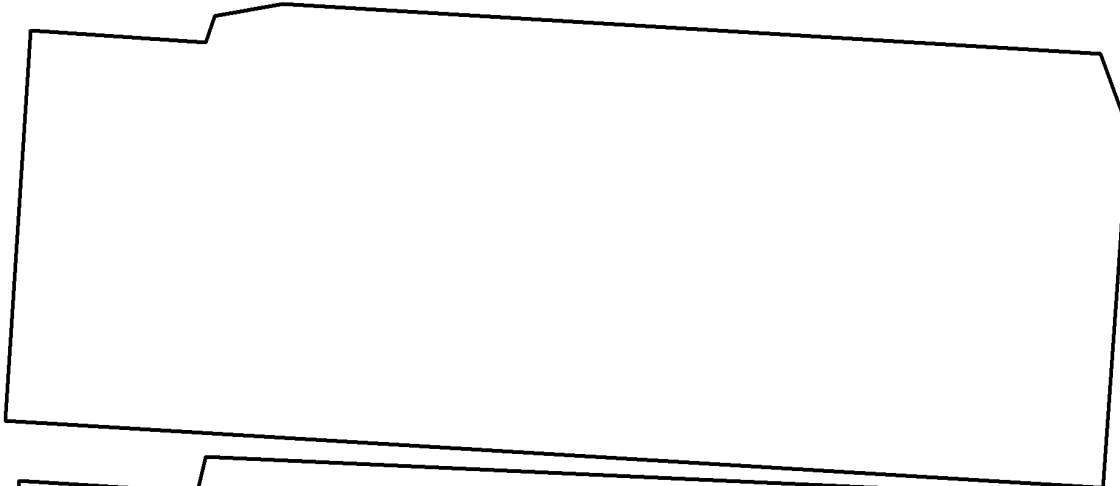
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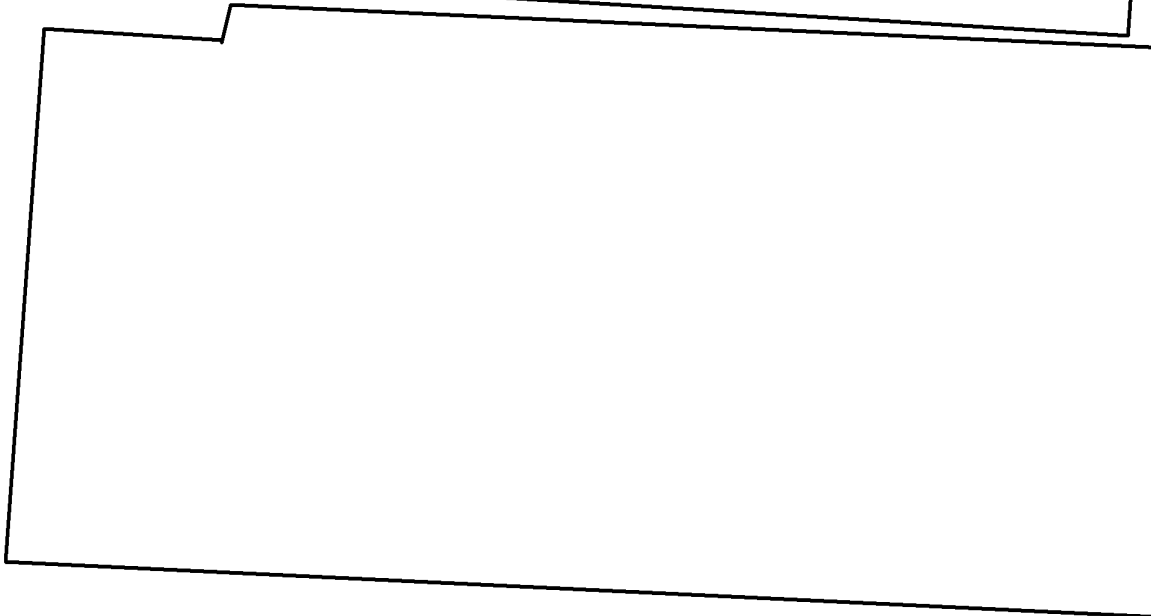
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CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

SA [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of The Credit Bureau Incorporated, Washington, D.C., and was advised on October 16, 1973, that the files contained a satisfactory record for the appointee.

SC [ ] determined on October 17, 1973, that no arrest record was contained in the Metropolitan Police Department files concerning the appointee and the following listed relatives:

Wife:	ELIZABETH BLOOMER FORD
Son:	MICHAEL GERALD FORD
Son:	JOHN GARDNER FORD
Son:	STEVEN MEIGS FORD
Daughter:	SUSAN ELIZABETH FORD.

It is to be noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and unavailable for review.

On October 17, 1973, SC [ ] determined that no record was contained in the Department of Motor Vehicles, Government of the District of Columbia files concerning the appointee or relatives.

On October 17, 1973, SC [ ] searched the files of the United States Park Police and no identifiable adult criminal or traffic records could be located regarding the appointee and the above listed relatives.

On October 17, 1973, SC [ ] searched the files of the Montgomery County Maryland Police Department, and no identifiable record could be located regarding the appointee's daughter, SUSAN ELIZABETH FORD.



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SC [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, and was advised on October 16, 1973, that no record was found concerning the appointee.

On October 16, 1973, SC [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of the House Committee on Internal Security and was advised that no identifiable record was found concerning the appointee.

On October 16, 1973, SC [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of the United States Secret Service, Department of the Treasury, and was advised that no record was found concerning the appointee.

On October 17, 1973, SC [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of the following organizations concerning bar membership and no record was found for the appointee:

Committee on Grievances, United States District Court for the District of Columbia (USDCDC).  
Lawyers Register, USDCDC.  
District of Columbia Bar Association.  
Federal Bar Association.  
Committee on Admissions and Disciplinary Matters (D.C. Unified Bar).

The records of the Supreme Court of the United States disclosed he was admitted to practice before this court on June 15, 1964, and is in good standing.

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SA [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of the Office of Security, Department of State, and was advised on October 16, 1973, that no record was found concerning the appointee.

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On October 16, 1973, Special Agent [ ] caused a search to be made of the File Room, Office of the Deputy Attorney General, United States Department of Justice. He was informed by JAMES M. WASHINGTON, Supervisor, that no information concerning the appointee was located.

United States Government records, reviewed by SA [REDACTED] on October 16, 1973, disclose that GERALD R. FORD, JR. was first issued Special Passport 11911 at Washington, D.C. on July 24, 1953 for proposed travel for three to four weeks to Japan, Formosa, Korea, Indo-China, India and Pakistan on official business for the House Appropriations Commission. This passport was renewed at Washington, D.C. on August 3, 1955 to expire on July 24, 1957 in connection with his proposed departure on August 8, 1955 for Germany, France and the Netherlands.

Special Passport 205776 was issued to Congressman FORD on July 16, 1959 at Washington, D.C. for proposed travel for three weeks to Poland, the U.S.S.R., West Germany, France and Great Britain for the annual meeting of the Interparliamentary Union. The application for this passport was supported by a letter dated July 17, 1959 from Congressman HAROLD D. COOLEY, President, American Group, Interparliamentary Union, designating FORD as a delegate to the Warsaw Conference of that Union and stating that its Executive Committee meeting would be held thereafter in Moscow. This passport was revalidated on August 29, 1960 in connection with his being a member of the U.S. Delegation to the 49th Conference of the Interparliamentary Union (IPU) meeting in Tokyo, Japan in September and October, 1960. He also planned to visit England to attend an air show which was not IPU business.

This 1959 passport was renewed at Washington, D.C. on September 8, 1961 to expire on July 16, 1963, in connection with his proposed travel to Brussels for the IPU. This passport was revalidated at Washington, D.C. on May 9, 1962 in connection with his travel the following week to Sweden and France. On November 2, 1962 his passport was revalidated for travel to Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Thailand and Vietnam.

on business for the House Subcommittee on Defense Department Appropriations in November, 1962. The file shows that he was scheduled to visit Puerto Rico, Jamaica, and Haiti in December, 1962.

The appointee was next issued Official Passport Y-187043 at Washington, D.C. on August 7, 1963 for proposed travel to Yugoslavia in connection with the IPU. Official Passport Y-1064698 was issued to him at Washington, D.C. on May 26, 1972 for official travel to China, Hong Kong and Japan in June and July, 1972. This passport was revalidated at Washington, D.C. on March 1, 1973 for a Congressional trip to mainland China.

The Passport Office does not receive information as to whether or when a passport is used for foreign travel.

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On October 17, 1973, SA [REDACTED] reviewed the Main Index File at the Library of Congress. The following information concerning the appointee was contained in the file:

"FORD, GERALD R. (1913- )

Portrait of the Assassin by GERALD R. FORD and JOHN R. STILES, New York, Simon and Schuster, 1965.

Based on hearings of the Presidents Commission of the Assassination of President Kennedy."

A review of the Book Review Digest reveals that Portrait of An Assassin by G. R. FORD and J. R. STILES was reviewed by:

DOUGLAS KIKER in Book Week, p 11, J1 4 1965.

T. J. MICHALAK in Library J. 90:2850, Je 15, 1965.

New Yorker 41:74 J1 3 1965.

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FORD, GERALD R. Portrait of the Assassin, by Gerald R. Ford  
and John R. Stiles. 508p \$6.95 Simon & Schuster  
B or 92 Oswald, Lee Harvey. Kennedy, John Fitzgerald  
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"A narrative that grew out of the reactions of one  
member of President Johnson's Commission that was set up to  
report upon the assassination of President John F. Kennedy."  
(Foreword) Index.

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"The still-secret contents of the deliberative  
sessions of the Warren Commission remain a source of specula-  
tion and interest. . . Congressman FORD is the first commission  
member to publish independently, but anyone who anticipates  
an inside report will be disappointed. It is OSWALD who intri-  
gues him, and Portrait of the Assassin essentially is just  
an editing job of commission testimony so that, rearranged in  
chronological order, it tells the running story of his life . . .  
About the only brief personal comment Rep. FORD allows himself  
is an opinion that OSWALD's biggest problem was that 'in his  
life he had had no meaningful human relationships.' . . . (A)  
conservative appraisal causes one to wonder why this book was  
ever published. Since it adds nothing new and fails to im-  
prove upon the old, is it really needed?" Douglas Kiker

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"(OSWALD's) early life is treated very briefly; but  
this is the period that needs to be covered more thoroughly if  
the true picture of the man is ever to be known. Despite the  
long and tedious passages of testimony (almost the entire  
book seems to have been glossed from the testimony before the  
Warren Commission), the authors have succeeded in piecing to-  
gether the life of OSWALD in a readable and interesting fashion.  
Few persons will have the perseverance or the time to plow  
through the 26 volumes of testimony and exhibits of the Warren  
Commission. The present writers have done this, and the result  
is a book which undoubtedly will have appeal to many readers."  
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"Representative FORD (R., Mich.) . . . and his special assistant during the Commission's hearings have produced a fascinating book. Using the testimony given at the hearings and their own impressions of the witnesses, they have pieced together a narrative as well as a portrait. . . . The authors' style is undistinguished, and their homilies about the benefits of family life are gratuitous. Nonetheless, their book is astonishing; the subject is high tragedy--the death of a ruler--told with attention focused on the killer, and set against the familiar Pop Art background of lower-middle-class American life."

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On October 17, 1973, SA [redacted] searched the Book Review Digest for Ralph Nader's Congress Project, Citizens Look at Congress, Grossman Publishers, Washington, D.C., (1972), and no review was found.

On October 17, 1973, SA [redacted] searched the Book Review Digest and determined the following information on "The Washington Pay-Off" by ROBERT W. WINTER-BERGER:



WINTER-BERGER, ROBERT W. The Washington pay-off: an insider's view of corruption in government, 341p \$10 Stuart, L.  
 329 Corruption (in politics). U.S.-Politics and government. Campaign funds. Lobbying

"An account of the Washington influence-peddling scandals of the late 1960's in House Speaker JOHN W. MC CORMACK's office. A minor figure in these events, WINTER-BERGER 'tells all' about his connections with attorney and lobbyist NATHAN VOLOSHEEN and MARTIN SWEIG, a longtime assistant to MC CORMACK. (Both VOLOSHEEN and SWEIG were subsequently indicted and convicted for illegal activities.) WINTER-BERGER discloses that at the same time he was also working the other side of the street as an influence peddler under the shield of GERALD FORD, leader of the Republican minority in the House of Representatives." (Library J) Index.

"Despite its repetitious there, 'The Washington Pay Off' is far from boring. The pace is exceptionally brisk and it is thoroughly entertaining. In fact, it is so entertaining that until the book's true depth begins to be understood, one is tempted to dismiss it as light reading about a serious subject. . . . As the book develops, the author appears to be totally level headed, yet he tends to come on a bit too strong throughout as the innocent party rubbing elbows with sanctioned crooks of the Capitol. Then near the end. . . he lashes out against some anti-Semitic, antimorality cocktail party chatter which he heard while in company of the 'horse set.' Understandably, he is quite bitter, but the savagery with which he counterattacks almost destroys the carefully constructed framework of his book, leaving the reader the suspicion of revenge as his primary motive." D. W. GIVEN

"Although the jacket claims that WINTER-BERGER 'attacks both Democrats and Republicans with equal impartiality,' it does seem that he harpoons the Democrats considerably more. This may be due to the fact that most of the book is built around the career of NATHAN VOLOSHEEN in JOHN MC CORMACK's office. . . . Should be in every college library, along with (SANFORD WATKIN's) Conflict of interest (PRD 1971) and (HERBERT ALEXANDER's) Money in politics (PRD 1972)."

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"Much of what WINTER-BERGER recounts has already been aired thoroughly in the press. The few additional tidbits with which he spices his account are not enough to freshen these stale and sordid goings on and are unimportant for a better understanding of corruption in government. More suitable for a few articles in a Sunday newspaper supplement, the material here is too thin and ephemeral to justify being published in book form." HARRY FRUMERMAN

"It is no wonder that most newspapers and magazines have refused to review this book and that many bookstores will not sell it. The fear is not the libel. Something much more elemental is involved. If the corruption and greed of the men the Property Party has placed in the Congress and the White House become common knowledge, the whole rotten business could very well collapse and property itself would be endangered." GORE VIDAL

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On October 17, 1973, SA [redacted] reviewed the Readers Guide to Periodical Literature through September, 1973 which revealed the following articles regarding the appointee:

Congressman's Day. R. STEVENS. 11 pors  
Scholastic 62:110-130 F 18 '53.

Surprising Recession Mood, 11 por Newsweek.  
51:29-32 Ap 21 '58.

Ford for Vice President?, R. MOLEY,  
Newsweek 56:96 J1 11 '60.

Ford of Michigan, R. MOLEY,  
Newsweek 55:108 F 15 '60.

People of the Week, por U. S. News  
54:23 Ja 21 '63.

As Republicans Look Ahead to 1966,  
interview. por U. S. News 58:40-1  
Ja 18 '65.

Excerpt From Testimony, April 23,  
1964. Cong. Digest 43:274+ N '64.

Piecing Together the Evidence,  
11 por Life 57:42-50A O 2 '64.

What Can Save the GOP? For Fortune  
71:140-1+ Ja '65.

Ford and Long: New Leaders in  
the 89th. por Newsweek 65:20 Ja 18 '65.

Image Maker. Reporter 32:22+  
Ja 28 '65.

In the House: A New Republican Image.  
por U. S. News 58:36-7 Ja 18 '65.

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New Minority Leader. por Time  
85:20-1 Ja 15 '65.

Ford's Future? 11 por Time 86:17  
Ag 13 '65.

Real Reason LBJ was Irked. por  
U. S. News 59:41 Ag 16 '65.

Rebuffs for Leader Ford: Republicans  
Reject His Men. por U. S. News 58:19  
F 1 '65.

Washington Confidential. 11 por  
Newsweek 66:18-18 Ag 16 '65.

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Attached hereto as enclosures are copies of the December 28, 1967, and April 10, 1971, columns "The Washington Merry-Go-Round" stating generally that Mr. FORD intervened on behalf of AVCO Corporation during an investigation of alleged activities of that corporation. In 1963 the FBI conducted at the request of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice a limited investigation of allegations that two individuals, one a General in the Air Force and the other an Assistant Secretary of the Army, were instrumental in having a contract for the VRC - 12 radio awarded to AVCO and may have received payments for their efforts. Upon completion of the investigation the Criminal Division determined there was no basis for criminal action. Congressman GERALD R. FORD was not involved or mentioned during the investigation.

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On October 17, 1973, WILLIAM P. O'BRIEN, Deputy Assistant Commissioner of Deportation, Central Office, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), made available to SA [redacted] INS file [redacted] concerning [redacted], whose birth date was indicated as being [redacted].

O'BRIEN noted that this file is a "skeleton file only" concerning [redacted] and that the principal administrative file concerning [redacted] is maintained in the INS District Office in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

According to this file, [redacted] was admitted to the U. S. at New York, New York, as a visitor for pleasure on July 8, 1965. His visit, which was authorized until January 7, 1966, was extended to July 7, 1966, and subsequently [redacted] was found to be engaged in unauthorized employment. Deportation proceedings were instituted June 14, 1966, and [redacted] was found deportable as charged, with the privilege of voluntary departure. On January 10, 1967, Congressman ABRAHAM MULTER (New York) introduced House of Representatives Bill 1704 on behalf of [redacted], requesting permanent residence status for him in the U. S. A similar bill was thereafter introduced by Congressman GERALD R. FORD to the 91st Congress on January 29, 1969. On November 4, 1969, Senator WILLIAM PROXMIRE (Wisconsin), introduced Senate Bill 3105 to the 91st Congress for permanent residence of [redacted] and on January 26, 1971, Senator PROXMIRE introduced a similar bill to the 92nd Congress. Records indicate that on July 20, 1971, the Senate Judiciary Committee ruled adversely against the above bill of PROXMIRE.

INS records indicate that thereafter [redacted] was granted voluntary departure from the U. S. until February 13, 1972, and "reportedly" departed the U. S. at [redacted]



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New York, New York, on February 13, 1972. According to the records, [redacted] departure has not been verified to date.

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Mr. O'BRIEN advised that no additional information concerning the above House and Senate Bills on behalf of [redacted] is available to INS. He noted that such information would be available only to the respective House and Senate Judiciary Committees.

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The "Washington Star-News" of Tuesday, October 16, 1973, contained an article entitled "Donors to Ford Unknown" by JAMES POLK, Star-News Staff Writer. The article concerned a "secret fund-raising campaign" for FORD of \$38,216 which was collected by a Washington based campaign committee before the new disclosure law took effect in April, 1972. It was indicated that the treasurer of the committee was JAMES G. MORTON, now deceased, who had been Director of Government Relations for the Manufacturing Chemists Association and the committee chairman was CHARLES MARK. A copy of this article is attached as an enclosure.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] on October 17, 1973.

Mr. WILLIAM M. STOVER, Vice President and Director of Government Relations, Manufacturing Chemists Association, (MCA), Washington, D.C. (WDC), advised that he was Mr. JAMES G. MORTON's Administrative Assistant at MCA before Mr. MORTON was deceased. He advised that he was well aware that Mr. MORTON was involved in different campaign functions, specifically that of Mr. GERALD FORD's re-election campaign. He advised that Mr. MORTON operated this political campaign on an individual basis, rather than as a function of MCA. He stated that after Mr. MORTON had died, he specifically sorted through Mr. MORTON's personal files at the office of MCA and also at his apartment. He advised that at no time had he ever noticed any campaign list dealing with the re-election campaign of GERALD FORD, specifically any list of donors to the campaign fund. He stated that many of the records, which mostly dealt with MCA activities, were destroyed and that Mr. MORTON had never mentioned to him who the specific donors to the campaign for re-election of GERALD FORD were. Mr. STOVER concluded by advising he had only met GERALD FORD on several occasions and did not feel qualified to make any type of recommendation.

Mr. WILLIAM J. DRIVER, President of MCA, advised that he was aware of Mr. MORTON's involvement in the fund raising campaign for GERALD FORD. He advised that to the best of his knowledge, Mr. MORTON did not operate his program from his office at MCA, and had never seen any records or files containing any information relating to his political activities. Mr. DRIVER indicated that he could offer no additional information relating to Mr. MORTON's political activities, but indicated that he knew GERALD FORD very well.

Mr. DRIVER continued to say that he was the former director, Department of Veterans Affairs, and that he had many dealings with Mr. FORD. He stated that he believes Mr. FORD to be a man of high ability and indicated that Mr. FORD was a man of integrity, reputable associates, and an extremely loyal American. He advised he knows nothing which he would consider derogatory concerning Mr. FORD and would highly recommend him for any position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] on October 17, 1978.

Mr. CHARLES T. MARCK, Director, Government Relations, Dow Chemical Corporation, 1825 K Street, N.W., advised that he was the committee chairman of the Washington based re-election campaign for GERALD FORD. Mr. MARCK stated the reason he was chosen was the fact he was new in Washington and was originally from Michigan and through his association with Mr. JAMES G. HORTON at ACA, it was felt he would be the best candidate for the job.

Mr. MARCK advised that the entire fund raising campaign for Mr. FORD consisted of a one hundred dollar a plate fund raising dinner in March of 1972 which took place at the Capitol Hill Club in Washington, D.C. Mr. MARCK advised that this dinner was attended by approximately four or five hundred people and that all of the money collected was handled by the treasurer of the campaign committee, Mr. JAMES G. HORTON. Mr. MARCK also stated that at no time had he ever seen a list of donors for that campaign dinner, nor has any idea of whatever became of the list, if it ever existed. Mr. MARCK continued to say on about April 5 or 6, 1972, he signed a transmittal letter along with Mr. JAMES HORTON, which transmitted the money to the re-election committee for Mr. GERALD FORD in Michigan. Mr. MARCK advised he could not recall the exact contents of the letter nor to whom the letter was specifically sent to in Michigan, other than the re-election committee.

Mr. MARCK indicated that after Mr. HORTON died, he was given some of Mr. HORTON's personal files which he maintained at the Manufacturing Chemists Association (MCA), but stated that there was nothing contained therein other than all invitations to the GERALD FORD re-election campaign dinner, and added once again that no list of donors was located in these personal effects. Mr. MARCK concluded by stating that although his association with Mr. FORD was limited, he knows nothing which would reflect unfavorably on his character, associations, reputation, and loyalty, and recommended him for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

The applicant's name was checked against the records of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and no arrest record was found.

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1:36PM URGENT 10/17/73 GJW

TO DIRECTOR

CHICAGO

FROM DETROIT (161-1355)

✓ Mr. [Signature]  
Room 1246

GERALD R. FORD, AKA; SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED OPEN OF BUSINESS  
10/18/73, WITHOUT FAIL.

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RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO CHICAGO, DATED 10/16/73, AND  
DETROIT TELEPHONE CALL TO SA [REDACTED] CHICAGO, 10/17/73.

THIS IS CONFIRM REQUEST TO INTERVIEW LEONARD WOODCOCK,  
PRESIDENT AND PAT GREATHOUSE, VICE-PRESIDENT, UAW, WHO ARE  
ATTENDING A CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO AND WILL BE AVAILABLE AT  
ROOM ONE ONE TWO EIGHT, PLAYBOY TOWERS, CHICAGO AT 1:30 PM,  
INSTANT DATE. INQUIRE AS TO APPOINTEE'S CHARACTER, MORALS,  
ASSOCIATES, LOYALTY, CIVIL RIGHTS VIEWS, QUALIFICATIONS AS  
ATTORNEY IF KNOWN AND RECOMMENDATION. BE ALERT FOR DEROGATORY  
INFORMATION AND DEVELOP WHERE SAME EXISTS. ADVISE INTERVIEWEE  
WITH DEROGATORY INFORMATION OF CONGRESSIONAL HEARING AND THAT  
HE MAY BE ASKED TO TESTIFY. DETERMINE NUMBER OF YEARS KNOWN BY  
INTERVIEWED AND INTERVIEWEE'S TITLE AND ADDRESS.

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FROM DETROIT (161-1355) 1P

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✓ Mr. [Signature]  
Room 1216

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED 10/18/73 WITHOUT  
FAIL.

*Approved*

RE BUREAU TELETYPE, 10/15/73.

INVESTIGATION AT DETROIT HAS DETERMINED THAT RALPH LIBERATO  
THE PRESIDENT - DIRECTOR, METROPOLITAN COUNCIL NUMBER 23 OF  
THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES  
IS CURRENTLY IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, ATTENDING AN AFL-CIO NATION CONFERENCE.  
IN REGARD TO THE NOMINATION OF GERALD R. FORD AS VICE PRESIDENT,  
LIBERATO SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED. LIBERATO'S EXACT LOCATION UNKNOWN.

MIAMI AT MIAMI, FLORIDA: WILL CONTACT LIBERATO AND INTERVIEW  
HIM REGARDING HIS KNOWLEDGE OF GERALD FORD.

IT IS NOTED THAT THE BUREAU DEADLINE IN THIS CASE HAS BEEN  
CHANGED FROM CLOSE OF BUSINESS, 10/18/73, TO THE OPENING OF  
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DETROIT

FROM LOS ANGELES (161-2477) (P) 3P

O  
GERALD R. FORD, AKA LESLIE KING, JR.

RE LA TELCAL TO DETROIT 10-17-73.

NEIL STAEBLER, FORMER DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN STATE OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN, CONTACTED THIS DATE CARE OF GEORGE BENSON, 699 8TH STREET, CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, AND ADVISED SA [REDACTED] HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE HE WAS ELECTED TO CONGRESS TO 5TH DISTRICT, STATE OF MICHIGAN DURING 1958. HE DEBATED APPOINTEE SEVERAL TIMES AND APPOINTEE HAS ALWAYS BEHAVED AS GENTLEMAN, AND CONDUCTED HIMSELF IN EXCELLENT MANNER. HE DOES NOT KNOW HIM ON PERSONAL BASIS AS ALL CONTACT HAS BEEN ON POLITICAL BASIS. HE KNOWS NOTHING SERIOUS CONCERNING APPOINTEE, HOWEVER, THERE WERE A FEW INDICATIONS THAT APPOINTEE MAY HAVE ACCEPTED CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS. HE DOES NOT KNOW OR RECALL THE DETAILS OR WHO THE GROUPS WERE.

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HE ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] AND HER HUSBAND, [REDACTED] WHO ARE PROMINENT ATTORNEYS IN GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN; AND [REDACTED], ALSO PROMINENT ATTORNEY, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, WOULD HAVE MORE DETAILS CONCERNING WHO THE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS WHO MADE CONTRIBUTIONS WERE.

STAEBLER DID NOT TAKE THE ABOVE INCIDENT SERIOUSLY AND IS AWARE APPOINTEE IS HIGHLY REGARDED IN HIS DISTRICT AND STATE OF MICHIGAN AND U.S. CONGRESS. ALTHOUGH HE FEELS THAT APPOINTEE IS NOT THE BRIGHTEST PERSON, HE BELIEVES APPOINTEE TO BE VERY CAPABLE MAN AND ONE WHO POSSESSES GOOD CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION, AND IS A PATRIOTIC AMERICAN. HE STATED HE IS AWARE OF NO SERIOUS QUESTION CONCERNING APPOINTEE'S INTEGRITY AND NEVER FELT HE HAD GOOD GROUNDS TO CHALLENGE HIM IN THE REGARD.

IN ADDITION APPOINTEE IS FRIENDLY AND PERSONABLE MAN WHO GETS ALONG WELL WITH EVERYONE. BASED ON HIS KNOWLEDGE OF APPOINTEE HE WOULD RECOMMEND APPOINTEE FOR POSITION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

ON INSTANT DATE GEORGE C. S. BENSON, PROFESSOR CLAREMONT MEN'S COLLEGE, CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED

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HE FORMERLY SERVED AS DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE DURING PRESIDENT NIXON'S FIRST TERM IN OFFICE. HE STATED HE MET APPOINTEE ON A FEW OCCASIONS, HOWEVER, IS NOT WELL ACQUAINTED WITH HIM. HE STATED APPOINTEE WAS VERY HELPFUL AND COOPERATIVE CONCERNING DUTIES WITH DEFENSE DEPARTMENT. HE IS AWARE APPOINTEE ENJOYS A GOOD REPUTATION. THE APPOINTEE IS VERY PUBLIC SPIRITED INDIVIDUAL AND MAKES GOOD PERSONABLE IMPRESSION. HE BELIEVES APPOINTEE IS A PERSON OF GOOD CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, AND IS LOYAL AMERICAN. BASED UPON HIS LIMITED KNOWLEDGE OF APPOINTEE HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND APPOINTEE FOR POSITION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES.

DETROIT DIVISION INTERVIEW [REDACTED]  
AND [REDACTED] AT GRAND RAPIDS CONCERNING ABOVE MATTER  
AND SUBMIT RESULTS.

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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: OPENING  
OF BUSINESS, 10/18/73.

✓ Mr. Coleman  
Room 1246

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DETROIT DIVISION IS ATTEMPTING TO INTERVIEW RETIRED  
US DISTRICT JUDGE TALBOT SMITH REGARDING HIS KNOWLEDGE  
OF VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE GERALD RUDOLPH FORD. INVESTIGATION AT DETROIT HAS DETERMINED THAT HE IS PRESENTLY  
LOCATED AT THE HITCHING POST LODGE, CHEYENNE, WYOMING,  
AND HE CAN BE REACHED THROUGH US DISTRICT JUDGE JAMES E.  
BARRETT, TENTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, TELEPHONE 307-778-2220.

LEAD, SALT LAKE CITY, AT CHEYENNE, WYOMING: WILL  
CONTACT SMITH AND INTERVIEW HIM REGARDING HIS KNOWLEDGE  
OF GERALD FORD. IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT THE BUDED IN THIS  
CASE HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM CLOSING OF BUSINESS, 10/18/73,  
TO THE OPENING OF BUSINESS, 10/18/73.

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FROM DETROIT (161-1355)

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NEW YORK

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY, IMMEDIATE ACTION  
NECESSARY. SPIN.

Mr. C. L. ...  
Room 1246

INVESTIGATION AT DETROIT HAS DETERMINED THAT GERALD  
FORD MAY HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONOVER AGENCY, A  
MODELING AGENCY, FROM 1939 TO 1944, IN NEW YORK. SOURCES  
INDICATED THAT FORD WAS AN ORIGINAL PARTNER WITH HAPPY  
CONOVER DURING AND AFTER HIS LAW SCHOOL DAYS.

INVESTIGATION FURTHER DETERMINED THAT HE DROPPED OUT OF  
THE CONOVER AGENCY IN 1944, DUE TO THE FACT THAT HE WAS IN THE  
MILITARY AND COULD NOT SPEND TIME WITH THE AGENCY. THE  
INVESTIGATION FURTHER DETERMINED THAT FORD HAD BEEN INVOLVED  
WITH AN UNKNOWN MODEL WHILE AT THE AGENCY.

INVESTIGATION FURTHER DETERMINED THAT ONE BRADSHAW  
CRANDALL, A WELL KNOWN ILLUSTRATOR OF MAGAZINE COVERS IN THE  
NEW YORK AREA, IS FAMILIAR WITH THE CONOVER AGENCY, HARRY  
CONOVER, GERALD FORD, AND THE UNKNOWN MODEL. BRADSHAW CRANDALL  
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IS BELIEVED TO BE IN HIS SEVENTIES BUT IS BELIEVED TO BE STILL  
ALIVE.

LEADS: NEW YORK AT NEW YORK: WILL REVIEW INDICES  
REGARDING HARRY CONOVER, CONOVER AGENCY AND BRADSHAW CRANDALL.  
WILL CONTACT BRADSHAW CRANDALL AND DETERMINE ANY KNOWLEDGE  
HE HAS REGARDING GERALD FORD AND THE FACTS AS SET FORTH ABOVE.  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL)  
SAC, DETROIT

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-9324)(P)

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, AKA GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR., LESLIE  
KING, JR., SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED COB 10/17/73.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED 10/15/73.

THIS CONFIRMS WFO TELEPHONE CALL TO DETROIT THIS DATE.

GEORGE BUSH, CHAIRMAN, REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE,  
INTERVIEWED TODAY REGARDING ALLEGATIONS THAT APPOINTEE FAILED  
TO REPORT ELEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CAMPAIGN  
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1970. BUSH ADVISED THAT AT THAT TIME  
FINANCE CHAIRMAN, MICHIGAN REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE,  
WAS HAROLD MC CLURE. MC CLURE SHOULD HAVE EXTENSIVE  
KNOWLEDGE REGARDING FORD'S CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS DURING  
PERIOD IN QUESTION. MC CLURE CURRENTLY ASSOCIATED WITH  
MC CLURE OIL COMPANY, ALMA, MICHIGAN.

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FROM DETROIT (161-1355) P

GERALD R. FORD, SPIN, BUDED 10/17/73.

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Mr. Coleman  
Room 1246

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED THIS DATE AT [REDACTED]  
CPA FIRM, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, DISCLOSED THAT FORD  
MAINTAINS A CHECKING ACCOUNT AT THE SERGEANT AT ARMS BANK,  
WASHINGTON, D.C., WHICH BANK, ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] IS  
UTILIZED EXCLUSIVELY BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

A SUMMARY OF CHECKS DRAWN ON THIS ACCOUNT REVEALED THE  
FOLLOWING CHECKS:

1. CHECK DATED 5/18/71, SIGNED BY APPOINTEE, PAYABLE  
TO [REDACTED] WASHINGTON,  
D.C., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$160. A NOTATION APPEARED ON THIS  
CHECK [REDACTED]

2. A CHECK DATED 6/8/71, SIGNED BY THE APPOINTEE,  
PAYABLE TO GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY CLINIC, WASHINGTON,  
D.C., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$285. A NOTATION APPEARED ON THIS

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CHECK [ ] THE NUMBER [ ] ALSO APPEARS ON THIS  
CHECK AND [ ] ADVISED THAT THIS MAY BE A PATIENT NUMBER.

THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS FURNISHED FOR USE BY THE  
WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE IN THEIR INVESTIGATION OF APPOINTEE'S  
BACKGROUND. IT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED THAT CHECKING ACCOUNT  
AT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS BANK MAY BE THE ACCOUNT UTILIZED BY FORD  
FOR HIS ROUTINE EXPENSES.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
SAC, PITTSBURGH

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-9324) (P)

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, AKA GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR.,  
LESLIE KING, JR., SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: COB, 10/17/73.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE, 10/15/73, NO CC PITTSBURGH.

THIS CONFIRMS WFO TELEPHONE CALL TO PITTSBURGH THIS  
DATE.

BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT VERY EXPEDITE AND  
EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF FORD WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED  
VICE PRESIDENT. INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE COMMENSURATE WITH  
HIGH OFFICE INVOLVED.

BORN 7/14/13, OMAHA, NEBRASKA, AND RESIDES 514 CROWN VIEW  
DRIVE, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

BUREAU DIRECTED THAT NATIONAL LABOR OFFICIALS BE INTERVIEWED  
CONCERNING APPOINTEE.

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OFFICE OF UNITED STEEL WORKERS OF AMERICA, I.W. ABEL,  
PRESIDENT, LOCATED 5 GATEWAY CENTER, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.  
PITTSBURGH OBTAIN ABEL'S COMMENTS AND ANY OTHER HIGH OFFICIAL  
WHO MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW.

SUBMIT SIX COPIES OF REPORT TO BUREAU.

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SAC, NEWARK

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-9324) (P)

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, ALSO KNOWN AS GERALD RUDOLPH FORD,  
JR., AND LESLIE KING, JR., SPI, BUDED CLOSE OF BUSINESS  
ON 10/17/73, WITHOUT FAIL.

<sup>Bu</sup>  
RE ~~TELETYPE~~ 10/15/73, NO CC TO NEWARK.

THIS CONFIRMS WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE TELEPHONE CALL  
TO NEWARK THIS DATE.

BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT VERY EXPEDITE  
AND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF FORD, WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED  
VICE PRESIDENT. INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE COMMENSURATE WITH  
HIGH OFFICE INVOLVED.

BORN 7/14/13, OMAHA, NEBRASKA, AND RESIDES 514 CROWN VIEW  
DRIVE, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

INVESTIGATION AT DETROIT REFLECTS THAT WASHINGTON CORRES-  
PONDENTS FOR THE TWO MAJOR DETROIT NEWSPAPERS WOULD BE IN A  
POSITION TO HAVE PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING FORD.

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ONE MAN SET FORTH BY DETROIT WAS GEORGE KENTERA, CORRESPONDENT, DETROIT NEWS.

INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C., REVEALS KENTERA ~~IS~~  
PRESENTLY ~~BE~~ REGISTERED ~~SWING-OUT~~ ROBERT TREAT HOTEL,  
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, TELEPHONE NUMBER 622-1000.

NEWARK OBTAIN COMMENT FROM KENTERA CONCERNING APPOINTEE. *car*

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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, ALSO KNOWN AS GERALD RUDOLPH  
FORD, JR., AND LESLIE KING, JR., SPI, BUDED CLOSE OF  
BUSINESS, 10/17/73, WITHOUT FAIL.

REBUREAUTELETYPE OF 10/15/73.

THIS CONFIRMS TELEPHONE CONVERSATION TO NEW YORK INSTANT  
DATE.

APPOINTEE SERVED AS MEMBER OF WARREN COMMISSION. OTHER  
MEMBERS INCLUDED JAMES LEE RANKIN, FORMER GENERAL COUNSELOR  
TO COMMISSION. RANKIN CURRENTLY SERVES AS CORPORATE COUNSEL  
FOR CITY OF NEW YORK, 36 WEST 44TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

ANOTHER FORMER MEMBER OF COMMISSION, JOHN JAY MC CLOY,  
IS ATTORNEY FOR MILBANK, TWEED, HADLEY, AND MC CLOY, 1 CHASE,  
MANHATTAN PLAZA, NEW YORK CITY.

NEW YORK CONSULT 10/22/73, ISSUE OF NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE,  
PAGE 38, COLUMN 3, REGARDING ALLEGATIONS MADE CONCERNING

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FORD'S MEMBERSHIP ON COMMISSION AND POSSIBLE LEAKAGE  
OF COMMISSION FINDINGS AND TRANSCRIPTIONS.

INTERVIEW RANKIN AND MC CLOY REGARDING FORD'S  
MEMBERSHIP ON COMMISSION AND MAGAZINE ALLEGATIONS. / *do/ up*

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FROM DETROIT (161-1355)

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REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE, 10/15/73.

IN A BOOK ENTITLED, "THE WASHINGTON PAY-OFF", BY ROBERT N. WINTER-BERGER, A BOOK CONCERNING CORRUPTION IN WASHINGTON, D.C., WINTER-BERGER ADVISES THAT HE WAS INTRODUCED TO VICE-PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEE GERALD R. FORD BY ONE ALICE WESTON TO WHOM HE PAID ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR HIS INTRODUCTION TO FORD BY HER.

INVESTIGATION AT DETROIT HAS DETERMINED THAT ALICE WESTON WAS A PROFESSIONAL NAME, WESTON BEING A MODEL, AND HER TRUE NAME WAS [REDACTED] IS NOW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OHIO, TELEPHONE [REDACTED]. SHE IS EMPLOYED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FURTHERMORE, IF [REDACTED] CANNOT BE REACHED AT THE TV STATION, ONE SHOULD ASK FOR [REDACTED] (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) AND [REDACTED] WILL GET A MESSAGE TO [REDACTED]

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IT IS NOTED THAT A COMPLETE INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED AT DETROIT AND SIX COPIES OF A REPORT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITH THE RESULTS OF ALL INVESTIGATION. CLEVELAND EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION.

LEADS: CLEVELAND, AT [REDACTED] OHIO - WILL  
CONTACT [REDACTED] REGARDING HER KNOWLEDGE OF GERALD  
FORD COMPLETELY DETERMINING HER KNOWLEDGE OF HIS BACKGROUND,  
CHARACTER, FINANCIAL DEALINGS, MORALS, LOYALTY, ETC.  
IN THE EVENT DEROGATORY INFORMATION IS FURNISHED, THE INDIVIDUAL  
SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT THERE WILL BE A CONGRESSIONAL HEARING  
CONDUCTED CONCERNING THE APPOINTEE AND THAT SHE MAY BE ASKED  
TO TESTIFY AS TO ANY DEROGATORY INFORMATION FURNISHED.

INTERVIEWING AGENTS SHOULD INCLUDE NUMBER OF YEARS  
INTERVIEWEE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE, INTERVIEWEE'S TITLE AND  
HER LOCATION.

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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, AKA GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR.; LESLIE  
KING, JR. SPECIAL INQUIRY. COB 10/17/73.

REFERENCE PITTSBURGH TELETYPE OF 10/17/73.

THIS WILL CONFIRM TELEPHONE CONVERSATION OF WFO TO  
MIAMI THIS DATE.

JOHN SHEEHAN, DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT, UNITED  
STEEL WORKERS OF AMERICA, IS UNION'S LOBBYIST IN WASHINGTON,  
D. C., AND MAY HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE APPOINTEE.

SHEEHAN CURRENTLY AT AFL-CIO CONVENTION, BAL HARBOUR,  
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA.

MIAMI INTERVIEW SHEEHAN. *lv*

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GERALD R. FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED OPEN OF BUSINESS  
10/18/73, WITHOUT FAIL.

✓ Mr. Coleman  
Room 1240

RE BUREAU TELETYPE 10/15/73.

INVESTIGATION IN DETROIT HAS DETERMINED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ATTORNEY FOR THE SEAFARER'S INTERNATIONAL UNION CAN  
BE CURRENTLY LOCATED AT THE JOCKEY CLUB, ROOM 606, MIAMI  
BEACH, FLORIDA, TELEPHONE 893-3344. [REDACTED] IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING  
NATIONAL AFL-CIO EXECUTIVE MEETINGS AT MIAMI AND HE WILL BE  
IN THAT CITY UNTIL AT LEAST THURSDAY, 10/18/73.

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CHARLES G. YOUNGLOVE, DIRECTOR OF UNITED STEEL WORKERS  
OF AMERICA, TO ARRIVE MIAMI THIS DATE TO ATTEND AFL-CIO MEETINGS  
IN MIAMI. HE WILL STAY AT THE KENILWORTH HOTEL AT MIAMI BEACH,  
TELEPHONE NUMBER 866-2711.

MIAMI AT MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW

[REDACTED] AND YOUNGLOVE REGARDING THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF GERALD R. FORD.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (161-239) (P)

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, AKA, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

RE BUREAU TELETYPES DATED 10-15 AND (2) 10-16-73.

RECORDS OF UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY (USU), LOGAN, UTAH, CHECKED  
WITH REGARD TO APPOINTEE'S SON, JOHN GARDNER FORD, AND NOTED SON  
IS STUDENT IN FORESTRY RECREATION FIELD IN GOOD STANDING. TRANS-  
SCRIPT SHOWS HE ENTERED USU IN WINTER QUARTER (CIRCA LATE JANUARY,  
1973) OF ACADEMIC YEAR 1972 TO 1973, AND ATTENDED SPRING QUARTER  
AND SUMMER QUARTER OF 1973. HE RESIDES AT 695 EAST 4TH NORTH,  
LOGAN, UTAH.

LANDLORD ADVISED HE IS GOOD TENANT AND BEHAVES AS A GENTLE-  
MAN. HE HAS HAD NO TROUBLE WITH FORD OR OTHER MALE STUDENTS WHO  
LIVE IN RENTAL UNIT.

NO ARREST RECORD FOR JOHN GARDNER FORD WITH CACHE COUNTY SO  
AND LOGAN PD, OR AT UTAH OF IDENTIFICATION RECORDS AT  
SALT LAKE CITY. REPORT FOLLOWS. END.

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TO DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM DETROIT (161-1355) (P) 2P

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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED OPEN OF  
BUSINESS 10/18/73 WITHOUT FAIL.

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE 10/15/73.

INVESTIGATION AT DETROIT HAS DETERMINED THAT GERALD FORD'S  
PRESS AGENT DURING THE MID 1960S WAS ONE JAMES MAXWELL MUDGE.  
AFTER BEING EMPLOYED BY FORD, MUDGE WAS EMPLOYED BY THE  
DETROIT FREE PRESS FOR ONE YEAR AND IN ABOUT MID 1967, HE  
JOINED CONGRESSMAN GUY ADRIAN VANDER JAGT, REPUBLICAN, U.S.  
CONGRESSMAN, NINTH DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION REFLECTS THAT GEORGE ROMNEY,  
WHO WOULD BE ACQUAINTED WITH FORD, CAN CURRENTLY BE CONTACTED  
THROUGH [REDACTED] AT WASHINGTON, D.C., TELEPHONE  
202-232-7100.

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HENRY FORD II CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, FORD MOTOR CO., DEARBORN, MICHIGAN, WAS INTERVIEWED INSTANT DATE AND ADVISED THAT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WOULD HAVE INFORMATION OF VALUE CONCERNING GERALD R. FORD.

R.W. MARKLEY JR., V.P., FORD MOTOR CO., WASHINGTON STAFF, 815 CONNECTICUT AVE. N.W. WASHINGTON D.C., TELEPHONE 298-7407. MARKLEY RESIDES [REDACTED] WASHINGTON, TELEPHONE [REDACTED].

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W. H. SMITHEY, DIRECTOR, NAT'L AFFAIRS OFFICE, WASHINGTON STAFF, FORD MOTOR CO., TELEPHONE 298-7411. SMITHEY RESIDES [REDACTED] BETHESDA, TELEPHONE [REDACTED].

*Done*

WASHINGTON FIELD, AT WASHINGTON, D.C., WILL CONTACT THE STAFF OF CONGRESSMAN VANDER JAGT TO DETERMINE MUDGE'S CURRENT WHEREABOUTS AND SET FORTH APPROPRIATE LEADS TO INTERVIEW HIM.

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WILL INTERVIEW GEORGE ROMNEY REGARDING HIS KNOWLEDGE OF FORD.

*Done*

WILL INTERVIEW R.W. MARKLEY JR., AND W.H. SMITHEY, RE FORD.

*Done*

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FROM: SAC, WFO (161-9324) (P)

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, AKA GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR.,  
LESLIE KING, JR., SPECIAL INQUIRY, COB 10/17/73.

RE DETROIT TELETYPE DATED 10/17/73.

CONGRESSMAN GUY ADRIAN VANDER JAGT ADVISED INSTANT DATE  
THAT JAMES MAXWELL MUDGE IS DECEASED.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM SAC, PHILADELPHIA (161-2145) (P)  
GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, VICE-PRESIDENTIAL ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ NOMINEE  
SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED 10/17/73.

REWFOTELCALL TO PH, 10/17/73 AND PHTELCALL TO BU, 10/17/73.  
ON 10/17/73, SENATOR HUGH SCOTT, REPUBLICAN-PA.,  
INTERVIEWED RE FORD. SCOTT ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN FORD FOR  
25 YEARS, BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND PERSONALLY. SCOTT  
STATES FORD'S CHARACTER AND LOYALTY TO THE U. S. ARE ABOVE  
REPROACH. FORD IS VERY DISCREET, HONEST, TRUSTWORTHY,  
AND RELIABLE. FORD HAS NO KNOWN DRINKING OR NARCOTIC  
PROBLEM.

SCOTT STATES FORD IS A MOST LOYAL AND DEDICATED AMERICAN  
WHO FULLY ADHERES TO THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS OF THE U. S.  
ALL OF FORD'S ASSOCIATES, KNOWN TO SCOTT, ARE THE SAME  
TYPE INDIVIDUALS AND ARE LOYAL AMERICANS IN EVERY WAY.

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SCOTT STATED FORD'S QUALIFICATIONS AND ABILITIES ARE  
COMMENSURATE WITH HIS VICE-PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION AND  
WOULD MAKE AN OUTSTANDING VICE-PRESIDENT. SCOTT  
RECOMMENDS FORD FOR THIS HIGH POSITION OF TRUST.  
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TO:

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SAC, ALEXANDRIA

FROM:

SAC, WFO (161-9324) (P)

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, AKA GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR., LESLIE  
KING, JR., SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED COB 10/17/73.

THIS CONFIRMS WFO TELEPHONE CALL TO ALEXANDRIA THIS DATE.  
APPOINTEE INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED THAT FAMILY PHYSICIAN  
IS JOHN ROBERTS, MD, 132 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET, ALEXANDRIA,  
VIRGINIA. ROBERTS HAS TREATED FORD FAMILY FOR ABOUT 20 YEARS.  
ROBERTS WAS PERSONALLY CONTACTED BY APPOINTEE IN PRESENCE OF  
BUREAU AGENT AND ADVISED TO RELEASE ALL NECESSARY MEDICAL  
INFORMATION TO BUREAU. ROBERTS UNAVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW  
UNTIL 9:00 A.M. OCTOBER 18, 1973, WHEN HE SHOULD BE CONTACTED  
AT EPISCOPAL HIGH SCHOOL IN ALEXANDRIA.  
ALEXANDRIA INTERVIEW.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL)  
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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-9324) (P)

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, AKA GERALD RUDOLPH <sup>Ford</sup> JR., LESLIE  
KING, JR. SPECIAL INQUIRY. BUDED COB 10/17WF.  
RE BUTEL 10/15/73. NO CC SAN FRANCISCO OR MINNEAPOLIS.

THIS CONFIRMS WF TELEPHONE CALL TO MINNEAPOLIS AND  
SAN FRANCISCO 10/17/73.

BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT VERY EXPEDITE  
AND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF FORD, WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED  
VICE PRESIDENT. INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE COMMENSURATE WITH  
HIGH OFFICE INVOLVED.

<sup>Born</sup> 7/14/13 OMAHA, NEBRASKA, <sup>Resides</sup> ~~RESOLVED~~ 514 CROWN VIEW  
DRIVE, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

SEE WHO'S WHO, 37TH EDITION, PAGE 1039, FOR FURTHER  
BACKGROUND DATA.

BUREAU HAS REQUESTED PRESIDENT OF FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION,  
SIMON H. TREVAS, BE INTERVIEWED. TREVAS NOW ATTENDING CONVEN-

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TION OF THE SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER OF THE FEDERAL BAR ASSO-  
CIATION, AND CAN BE REACHED IN CARE OF HYATT HOTEL, UNION  
SQUARE, SAN FRANCISCO.

BUREAU ALSO REQUESTS MEMBERS OF OPPOSING POLITICAL  
PARTY WILL BE INTERVIEWED. *cor*

SENATOR GEORGE MC GOVERN, SOUTH DAKOTA, PRESENTLY IN  
SOUTH DAKOTA, AND MAY BE CONTACTED AS FOLLOWS: 2:30-3:25  
P.M. - IN CARE OF GERALD APPLEBEE, HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL,  
MURDO, SOUTH DAKOTA, TELEPHONE 669-2258; 7:30-9:00 P.M. -  
JACKSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, KADOKA, SOUTH DAKOTA, TELEPHONE  
669-2285; AFTER 9:00 P.M. - IN CARE OF THE THUNDERBIRD  
MOTEL, PHILIPS, SOUTH DAKOTA, TELEPHONE 859-2546.

SAN FRANCISCO INTERVIEW TREVAS AND MINNEAPOLIS INTER-  
VIEW SENATOR MC GOVERN. *cor.*

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TO DIRECTOR

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FROM DETROIT (161-1355) 1P

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY BUDED OPEN OF BUSINESS  
10/18/73, WITHOUT FAIL.

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RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO BOSTON, 10/16/73.

[REDACTED], A PROMINENT ATTORNEY IN DETROIT WITH THE  
FIRM BUTZEL, LONG, GUST, KLEIN, AND VANZILE, DETROIT, MICHIGAN,  
AND ALSO A PROMINENT FIGURE IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, IS  
REPORTEDLY ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPOINTEE.

INVESTIGATION AT ABOVE FIRM DETERMINED THAT [REDACTED] IS  
TRAVELING INSTANT DATE TO SEA VIEW COUNTRY CLUB, ABSECON, NEW  
JERSEY, AND WILL ARRIVE THERE 10/19/73, TO REMAIN UNTIL 10/21/73.  
PHONE NUMBER 609-641-1800.

ENROUTE HE PLANS TO VISIT FRIENDS THE EVENING OF 10/17/73,  
AND WILL STAY AT THE RED LION INN, IN STOCKBRIDGE, MASS., PHONE  
NUMBER 413-298-5545.

BOSTON AT STOCKBRIDGE, MASS., INTERVIEW [REDACTED] REGARDING  
APPOINTEE. IF [REDACTED] CANNOT BE REACHED AT STOCKBRIDGE,  
BOSTON WILL SET OUT APPROPRIATE NEWARK LEADS.

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FROM PITTSBURGH (161-NEW) (RUC)

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

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Mr. Callahan  
Room 1100

RE WASHINGTON FIELD TELEPHONE CALL TO PITTSBURGH 10/17/73.  
BUDED COB 10/17/73, WITHOUT FAIL.

BUREAU INSTRUCTED THAT RESULTS OF THIS INVESTIGATION BE  
FURNISHED THE BUREAU BY REPORT WITH 6 COPIES TO THE BUREAU  
AND 1 TELECOPIER COPY TO REACH BUREAU BY COB 10/17/73.

REFERENCED WASHINGTON FIELD TELPHONE CALL INSTRUCTED  
THAT I. W. ABEL, PRESIDENT OF UNITED STEEL WORKERS OF  
AMERICA (USWA), BE INTERVIEWED CONCERNING KNOWLEDGE OF  
APPOINTEE.

TODAY   ASSISTANT TO SECRETARY  
TREASURER, USWA, ADVISED THAT I. W. ABEL IS ATTENDING AN  
AFL-CIO CONVENTION AT MIAMI, FLORIDA, ALONG WITH WALTER J.  
BURKE, SECRETARY TREASURER, AND JOHN S. JOHNS, VICE  
PRESIDENT, WHO ARE THE THREE ELECTED OFFICERS OF USWA.

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[ ] SAID THAT HE DID NOT KNOW APPOINTEE NEITHER PERSONALLY NOR BY REPUTATION AND SUGGESTED THAT THE ABOVE THREE OFFICERS BE CONTACTED. ABEL CAN BE REACHED AT THE AMERICANA HOTEL, BAL HARBOUR, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ROOM 1214, TELEPHONE 305-865-7511. [ ] ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE ONLY OTHER INDIVIDUALS IN THE USWA WHO MAY HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE APPOINTEE MIGHT BE JOHN ~~SHEEHAN~~ <sup>COV</sup>, DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT, WHO IS THE UNION'S LOBBYIST IN WASHINGTON, D. C.; AND CHARLES ~~YOUNGLOVE~~ <sup>not located</sup>, WHO IS USWA'S DISTRICT DIRECTOR IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

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OFFICES RECEIVING TELETYPE ARE TO INTERVIEW THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS LOCATED IN THEIR RESPECTIVE TERRITORIES AND FURNISH RESULTS TO BUREAU BY BUDED.

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4:46 PM URGENT 10-17-73 NMG

TO DIRECTOR

CINCINNATI

FROM DETROIT (161-1355) 1P

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED: OPEN OF  
BUSINESS 10/18/73 WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE 10/15/73.

INVESTIGATION AT DETROIT DETERMINED ON 10/17/73, THAT  
CLIFFORD O'SULLIVAN OF PORT HURON, MICHIGAN, A MEMBER OF THE  
SIXTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, IS CURRENTLY IN CINCINNATI,  
OHIO AND CAN BE REACHED AT TELEPHONE 513-684-3443. O'SULLIVAN  
IS DUE TO RETURN TO MICHIGAN LATE 10/18/73 OR EARLY 10/19/73.

LEAD, CINCINNATI AT CINCINNATI WILL CONTACT CLIFFORD  
O'SULLIVAN REGARDING ANY KNOWLEDGE HE HAS OF VICE PRESIDENTIAL  
APPOINTEE GERALD R. FORD.

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ATTENTION ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

DETROIT

FROM NEW YORK 1P

Mr. [Signature]  
Room 1246

GERALD R. FORD. SPI.

REBUTEL, 10/17/73.

PURSUANT TO BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS, AGENTS, NYO, DEPARTED  
NYO THIS DATE TO DETROIT AS FOLLOWS.

SA [REDACTED], DEPARTED NEW YORK 11:30 AM VIA  
AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 469, SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE DETROIT  
1:00 PM.

SA [REDACTED] DEPARTED NEWARK AIRPORT 12:50 PM VIA  
NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES FLIGHT 217, SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
SAC, PHILADELPHIA

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-9324) (P)

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, AKA GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR., LESLIE KING, JR., SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: COB 10/17/73.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE OF 10/15/73. (NO CC PHILADELPHIA).

THIS CONFIRMS WFO TELEPHONE CALL TO THIS DATE.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF PHILADELPHIA, BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY WHITE HOUSE TO CONDUCT VERY EXPEDITE ~~AND EXTENSIVE~~ INVESTIGATION OF FORD, WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED VICE PRESIDENT. INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE COMMENSURATE WITH HIGH OFFICE INVOLVED.

RESULTS OF THIS INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE FURNISHED THE BUREAU BY REPORT WITH SIX COPIES TO THE BUREAU AND ONE TELETYPE COPIER COPY TO REACH BUREAU BY COB 10/17/73.

REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE TO INTERVIEW SENATOR HUGH SCOTT AND APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR INTERVIEW OF SCOTT AT HOME ADDRESS, 44 HILLCREST AVENUE, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, AT 8:00 P.M. INSTANT DATE.

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4:00 PM IMMEDIATE 10-17-73 NMG

TO DIRECTOR (ATTN: ASST. DIRECTOR WILLIAM CLEVELAND)  
FROM DETROIT (151-1355) 2P

✓ Mr. C. J. ...  
Room 1243

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED 10/17/73,  
WITHOUT FAIL.

IN AN INTERVIEW TODAY WITH GORDON CRAIG, PRESIDENT AND  
BOARD CHAIRMAN OF BOOTH NEWSPAPERS, HE ADVISED HE HAS BEEN A  
CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF MR. FORD FOR OVER 25 YEARS. CRAIG  
RECOMMENDED TWO INDIVIDUALS BE INTERVIEWED ON THE BASIS OF HIS OWN  
PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE THAT THEY HAVE BEEN VERY CLOSE PERSONAL  
ACQUAINTANCES OF MR. FORD FOR MANY YEARS. HE MADE HIS SUGGESTION  
ON THE BASIS THAT PERHAPS AN INTERVIEW WITH THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS  
MIGHT NOT BE NORMALLY CONSIDERED BY THE FBI. THE TWO INDIVIDUALS  
ARE FORMER BUREAU OFFICIALS, LOUIS NICHOLS AND DEKE DE LOACH.  
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UNDOUBTEDLY BOTH NICHOLS AND DE LOACH COULD SUGGEST  
OTHER PERTINENT INTERVIEWEES.

BUREAU HANDLE IF APPROPRIATE.

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*O. Cleveland*

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1115 PM IMMEDIATE 10-16-73 SEG

TO DIRECTOR - NITEL

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FROM ST. LOUIS (161-M) P 2P

GERALD R. FORD; SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED: CLOSE OF BUSINESS 10-18-73,  
WITHOUT FAIL

RE BUTELS, 10-15-73 AND 10-16-73, NO COPY TO BUTTE.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO CONDUCT VERY EXPEDITE AND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF FORD, WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED VICE-PRESIDENT. INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE COMMENSURATE WITH HIGH OFFICE INVOLVED. BORN 7-14-13, OMAHA, NEB., AND RESIDES 514 CROWNVIEW DR., ALEXANDRIA, VA. ALSO HAS HOME AT 1624 SHERMAN ST., S.E., GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. SEE WHO'S WHO, 37TH EDITION, PAGE 1039, FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND.

ALL ACTIVITY, INCLUDING SUMMERS AND PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT SINCE GRADUATION OF HIGH SCHOOL, MUST BE ACCOUNTED FOR, AS WELL AS FOREIGN TRAVEL. CONDUCT NO NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION UNLESS SOME REASON FOR DOING SO ARRISES, AT WHICH TIME BUREAU APPROVAL MUST

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BE SECURED. DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IMPERATIVE BUDED  
BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED. SUBMIT NITEL  
SUMMARY FOLLOWED BY REPORT.

RECORDS ON FILE AT NPRC-C, ST. LOUIS, MO., VERIFY EMPLOYMENT  
FOR FORD AT YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, WYO., SUMMER, 1936, AS  
PARK RANGER.

BUTTE CONDUCT CREDIT AND ARREST CHECKS.

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12:19 PM URGENT 10-17-73 NMG

TO DIRECTOR

NEW YORK

FROM DETROIT (161-1355) 1P

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED 10/18/73 WITHOUT  
FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE, 10/15/73.

INVESTIGATION AT DETROIT HAS DETERMINED THAT THE NEW YORK  
TIMES DETROIT CORRESPONDENT FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS, JERRY  
M. FLINT, HAS RECENTLY RETURNED TO NEW YORK CITY TO CONTINUE  
HIS EMPLOYMENT WITH THE NEW YORK TIMES, 224 WEST 43RD STREET,  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

NEW YORK AT NEW YORK: WILL INTERVIEW FLINT RE HIS KNOWLEDGE  
OF VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE FORD.

IT IS NOTED THAT BUREAU DEADLINE IN THIS CASE HAS BEEN  
CHANGED FROM CLOSE OF BUSINESS 10/18/73 TO THE OPENING OF BUSINESS  
10/18/73.

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TO : Mr. Walsh

DATE: October 17, 1973

FROM : R. H. Cahill

SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD  
Vice President Designate  
Special Inquiry

Pursuant to your instructions and in accordance with request of SAC Neil J. Welch of Detroit, three highly qualified accountants, all of whom are Certified Public Accountants, have been sent to Grand Rapids, Michigan, to assist on captioned investigation.

SA Robert P. Keehan, Inspection Division, was sent from FBIHQ and he departed on a 12:20 p. m. flight for Grand Rapids. His itinerary was furnished to SAC Welch. SAs [redacted] and [redacted] of the New York Office were also ordered to Grand Rapids to assist in this matter. SAC Welch has advised that New York has apprised him of travel arrangements being effected by these two Agents.

## RECOMMENDATION:

None, for information.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Cleveland

DATE: 10-17-73

FROM : O. E. Coleman

SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD  
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Reference is made to my memorandum 10-16-73 indicating SA Richard Taylor's appointment with Mr. Ford to obtain data required for this investigation had been postponed by Mr. Ford until 5:15 p.m., that date.

This is to advise that SA Taylor conferred with Mr. Ford on the evening of 10-16-73 for over two hours to obtain the necessary background data and other material to be used in this investigation. Leads developed were telephonically furnished to the field last night. Mr. Ford was interrupted on numerous occasions by telephone calls but was very cooperative. He made a twenty-minute telephone call to a certified public accountant at Grand Rapids, Michigan, and instructed him to make available to Bureau Agents this morning his Federal and state tax returns and also other personal financial records. Mr. Ford also telephoned Mr. Pat Jennings, Clerk of the House, and requested that House of Representatives campaign fund records be made available to us today.

For your information we have had this case for slightly more than 40 hours and already 25 field offices are involved. It has been thoroughly stressed to all offices that this case must receive preferred attention and their reports of all investigation to date must be received by Thursday morning, 10-18-73. Obviously it will be impossible for the field to complete all investigation in this matter, particularly relating to Mr. Ford's finances, by Thursday but that portion of the investigation completed will be furnished to the Attorney General and The White House by Friday, 10-19-73 with sufficient copies for dissemination to the two Congressional Committees involved.

All outstanding investigation is being vigorously pursued and will be completed at the earliest possible time.

ACTION: For information.

1 - Mr. Callahan  
1 - Mr. Franck  
1 - Mr. Bowers

1 - Mr. Cleveland  
1 - Mr. Coleman  
1 - Mr. Young  
1 - Mr. Auerswald

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TO : Mr. Callahan

DATE: 10-17-73

FROM : R. R. Franck *RRF*

SUBJECT: GERALD R. FORD  
VICE PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE

You inquired concerning our possible liaison responsibilities with the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration and the House Committee on Judiciary which will be conducting hearings concerning Ford's nomination as Vice President.

Inspector Bowers received a call on Friday, 10-12-73, from Jerome Zeifman, General Counsel of the House Committee on Judiciary, inquiring about the procedures for the Committee to take so Members could obtain access to results of any FBI investigation of Ford. Zeifman explained he had had no request as yet from his Chairman, Congressman Peter W. Rodino, Jr. (D-N.J.), but he wanted to be in a position to correctly advise him when he did inquire about an FBI investigation of Ford. Zeifman explained confirmation hearings are an uncharted field for House Committees. He said he is aware of the arrangements in existence whereby the Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman receives information from FBI investigations regarding nominees going before that Committee, and he would hope a similar arrangement can be made for his Committee with respect to the Vice Presidential nomination. Zeifman was advised that we conduct investigations on Presidential nominees only upon request and that any access to the results of these investigations would have to be cleared by the Attorney General. It was suggested Chairman Rodino contact the Attorney General in this regard.

Bowers advised John Duffner in the Deputy Attorney General's Office concerning this inquiry since Duffner handles all confirmation matters for the Department. Duffner stated a similar inquiry had been received in the Department from William Cochrane, Staff Director of the Senate Rules and Administration Committee. Duffner said he would promptly discuss this matter with the Attorney General's Office and would let us know if any further action was necessary concerning these inquiries. The above information was promptly furnished to the Special Investigative Division.

1 - Mr. Callahan  
1 - Mr. Cleveland  
1 - Mr. Franck

1 - Mr. Coleman  
1 - Mr. Bowers

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R. R. Franck to Mr. Callahan Memo  
RE: GERALD R. FORD

As a normal procedure, the FBI does not become directly involved from a liaison capacity in matters concerning confirmation of Presidential appointments, such function being handled by Department of Justice personnel. An exception to this rule recently occurred with respect to a confirmation pending before the Senate Finance Committee wherein the Department specifically requested Bowers to handle a contact with Senator Russell Long (D-La.), Chairman of that Committee, concerning this confirmation. Bowers handled this contact following approval by the Director.

We do have excellent relations with both Committees involved in the Ford confirmation hearings. Both Zeifman and Cochrane are known personally to Bowers who has dealt with them for several years. In addition, we have had cordial relations with all Members of the Senate Rules and Administration Committee which is Chaired by Senator Howard Cannon (D-Nev.) with Senator Marlow Cook (R-Ky.) being the Ranking Minority Member. There are seven other Members of the Committee. There are 38 Members of the House Committee on Judiciary which is Chaired by Congressman Rodino with Congressman Edward Hutchinson (R-Mich.) being the Ranking Minority Member. We have good relations with Rodino and Hutchinson and have a number of other friends on this Committee. This Committee also has a number of Members who have been FBI critics in the past.

Conversations with Senate staff personnel concerned with the Ford nomination late on 10-16-73 revealed the Senate Committee hopes to start its hearings on or about 10-30-73 with the anticipation the hearings will last about a week. The Committee obviously is planning to have the hearings televised. Ford will be the first witness. Senate personnel anticipate the nomination may be settled in the Senate by around 11-16-73. It is probable the Senate and House Committee hearings will be going on at the same time. Ford is expected at this time to appear before the Senate Committee first. Speculation is that the nomination will be cleared by both Houses by around 11-16-73 unless some unexpected problem arises.

It is doubtful the FBI will receive any direct liaison requests concerning the Ford confirmation hearings since the channel of communication between the Committees already has been established with the Department of Justice and our investigation of Ford already is in progress. It is felt if we do receive such inquiries or requests for information these should be referred to the Department of Justice, and we should take no action without instructions from the Department.

RECOMMENDATION:

That we refer any liaison inquiries from the Congress regarding the Ford confirmation matter to the Department of Justice.

*Don B*  
*Agree*  
*Frank* - 2 -

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11:24 PM NITEL 10/18/73 LVV

TO DIRECTOR

DETROIT (161-1355)

FROM ALBANY (161-1503) 1P (RUC)

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, AKA. SPIN.

RE DETROIT TEL, 10/18/73.

INQUIRIES 10/18/73, AT THE WOODSTOCK INN, WOODSTOCK, VERMONT, REVEAL THAT JUDGE STUART HOFFIUS CHECKED OUT OF THE WOODSTOCK INN THE MORNING OF 10/18/73, DESTINATION UNKNOWN, BUT PRESUMED RETURNING TO HIS HOME IN MICHIGAN.

DETROIT INTERVIEW HOFFIUS AT HIS RESIDENCE IN CAMP COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

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6:21PM URGENT 10/18/73 RAS

TO: DIRECTOR

DETROIT (161-1355)

WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM: ALEXANDRIA (161-2322) (P) 2 P

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, AKA, SPI, BUDED: CLOSE OF BUSINESS  
10/18/73.

RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, 10/18/73.

ROBERT G. HOWLETT, CHAIRMAN, STATE OF MICHIGAN MEDIATION  
SERVICE, INTERVIEWED AT RESTON, VA., SUGGESTED FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS  
BE CONTACTED RE FORD:

JOHN B. MARTIN, FORMER COMMISSIONER OF AGING, HEW, WASHINGTON,  
D.C., NOW LOCATED WITH PRIVATE AGENCY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.  
CHARLES SLY, FORMER PRESIDENT, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS,  
NOW LOCATED GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

ALSO SUGGESTED INTERVIEW OF FOLLOWING, ALL LOCATED IN GRAND  
RAPIDS, MICH.:

[REDACTED] AN ATTORNEY; [REDACTED] ATTORNEY; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ATTORNEY; [REDACTED] ATTORNEY; PAUL GOEBEL,  
SR., FORMER MAYOR; STANLEY DAVIS, FORMER MAYOR; LYMAN PARKS,

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PRESENT MAYOR; DR. JULIUS FRANKS, DENTIST; *rec Ak, tel*  
STUART HOFFIUS, CIRCUIT  
COURT JUDGE; JOHN VANDERWALL, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE.

FOR INFO OF DETROIT, HOWLETT IS FORMER COUNTY CHAIRMAN,  
REPUBLICAN PARTY IN GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

WFO AND DETROIT INTERVIEW ABOVE INDIVIDUALS UNLESS PREVIOUSLY  
INTERVIEWED.

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LOS ANGELES (161-2471)

WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM ALEXANDRIA (161-2322) (P) 2 PAGES

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, AKA GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR., LESLIE KING, JR.,  
SPI, BUDED: CLOSE OF BUSINESS 10-18-73.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE 10-15-73.

LOUIS B. NICHOLS, FORMER ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, FBI, UPON INTER-  
VIEW ADVISED THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS OR INDIVIDUALS SHOULD BE  
CONTACTED REGARDING FORD:

THE DETROIT FREE PRESS, AN OPPOSITION NEWSPAPER IN DETROIT,  
MICH. ROBERT WICK, FORMER ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, FBI, EMPLOYED BY  
PAN AMERICAN AIRLINES, 1800 K ST., N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C., HOME  
ADDRESS 2219 NORTH MILITARY ROAD, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA, MARTIN HAYDEN,  
MANAGING EDITOR, DETROIT EVENING NEWS, DETROIT, MICH. JOSEPH RAUH,  
CHARTER MEMBER OF THE AMERICANS

NS FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION. HIS EXACT

LOCATION CAN BE ASCERTAINED THROUGH [REDACTED] WHO IS  
EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. BLAIR MOODY, WASHINGTON, D.C.,

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CORRESPONDENT FOR THE DETROIT EVENING NEWS. MR. GUTHMAN, NATIONAL AFFAIRS EDITOR OF THE LOS ANGELES TIMES. LARRY O'BRIEN, FORMER CHAIRMAN, DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE AND CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES FOR LABOR UNIONS SUCH AS UNITED AUTOMOBILE WORKERS AND AFL-CIO. *Wolkman* *1/4*

DETROIT, LOS ANGELES AND WFO HANDLE ABOVE-MENTIONED INTERVIEWS IF NOT ALREADY DONE.

FOR INFO OF DETROIT, NICHOLS ADVISED HIS INFORMATION IS FROM A PERIOD OF TIME WHEN HE WAS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR AND FACT HE HAS KNOWN FORD FOR OVER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS. HE POINTED OUT HE DOES NOT KNOW IF BLAIR MOODY IS STILL LIVING. DETROIT MAY ASCERTAIN SAME AND ADVISE WFO THEREOF. *Dead*

IF WFO UNABLE TO CONTACT ROBERT WICK AT EMPLOYMENT, ALEXANDRIA WILL INTERVIEW AT RESIDENCE.  
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FROM DETROIT (161-1355) 2P

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✓ Mr. Chapman  
Room 1246

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, AKA, SPIN; EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION.

RE BU TELETYPE, 10/15/73.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF ALBANY, BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED  
TO CONDUCT VERY EXPEDITE AND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF  
FORD, WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED VICE PRESIDENT. INVESTIGATION  
SHOULD BE COMMENSURATE WITH HIGH OFFICE INVOLVED.

FORD WAS BORN 7/14/13, OMAHA, NEBRASKA, AND RESIDES  
514 CROWN VIEW DRIVE, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA. HE ALSO HAS  
A HOME AT 1624 SHERMAN STREET, SE, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

INVESTIGATION AT DETROIT HAS DETERMINED THAT JUDGE  
STUART HOFFIUS, CIRCUIT COURT, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN,  
AN EX AGENT, IS CURRENTLY VACATIONING IN VERMONT AT THE  
WOODSTOCK INN, WOODSTOCK, VERMONT, UNTIL 10/19/73. IN-  
VESTIGATION HAS DETERMINED THAT HOFFIUS KNOWS FORD VERY  
WELL.

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ALBANY EXPEDITE AND SUREP IMMEDIATELY. NOTE THAT  
BUDED IS OPENING OF BUSINESS 10/18/73.

LEAD, ALBANY, AT WOODSTOCK, VERMONT: WILL CONTACT  
JUDGE STUART HOFFIUS AND INTERVIEW HIM REGARDING HIS  
KNOWLEDGE OF FORD.

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to Delmar  
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FROM: BOSTON 161-3488

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Mr. C. C. [Signature]  
Room 1115

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY,

BUDED: 10/17/73 WITHOUT FAIL.

RE DE TEL TO BUREAU AND BOSTON 10/17/73.

ASSOCIATE:

DAVID KENDALL, AN ATTORNEY WITH THE LAW FIRM BUTZEL,  
LONG, GUST, KLEIN, AND VANZILE OF DETROIT MICHIGAN WAS  
INTERVIEWED ON THE EVENING OF 10/17/73 AT THE RED LION INN  
STOCKBRIDGE, MASS., WHERE HE IS REGISTERED AS A GUEST.

MR. KENDALL ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN MR. FORD QUITE WELL SINCE 1945  
AND DOES NOT KNOW A FINER PERSON. HE HAS KNOWN HIM AS A  
FRIEND AND AN ASSOCIATE IN THE WASHINGTON AREA WHEN HE, MR. KENDALL,  
SERVED AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY AND SPECIAL  
COUNSEL TO THE LATE PRESIDENT EISENHOWER.

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MR. KENDALL FURTHER STATED THAT HE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION RELATIVE TO MR. FORD'S BACKGROUND THAT WOULD PRECLUDE HIS BEING APPOINTED TO THE VICE PRESIDENCY. HE ALSO ADVISED THAT MR. FORD'S ASSOCIATES ARE PEOPLE HE CONSIDERS TO BE OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY.

MR. KENDALL CONSIDERS HIMSELF A GOOD FRIEND OF MR. FORD'S AND WOULD NOT HESITATE TO RECOMMEND HIM FOR SUCH A HIGH POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT. NOR DOES MR. KENDALL KNOW OF ANYTHING IN MR. FORD'S BACKGROUND THAT WOULD QUESTION THE INTEGRITY LOYALTY OR ABILITY OF MR. FORD.

REPORT FOLLOWS.

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Mr. Coleman  
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM MINNEAPOLIS 161-NEW

VICE-PRESIDENT DESIGNATED GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, AKA GERALD  
RUDOLPH FORD, JR., LESLIE KING, JR.; SPIN.

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY SA [REDACTED]

AND SA [REDACTED] AT KODIAK, SOUTH DAKOTA.

SENATOR [REDACTED] GOVERNOR [REDACTED] WAS INTERVIEWED PRIOR TO A  
TRAVELING THROUGH KODIAK, SOUTH DAKOTA. MC GOVERN ADVISED  
HE FIRST MET [REDACTED] WITH GERALD FORD WHEN HE (MC GOVERN)  
WAS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DURING 1957-1961.  
MC GOVERN ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN GERALD FORD ON A CASUAL BASIS  
SINCE THAT TIME. MC GOVERN ADVISED THAT GERALD FORD IS A MAN  
OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER POSSESSING UNQUESTIONABLE INTEGRITY,  
TRUSTWORTHY AND PATRIOTISM. MC GOVERN ADVISED THAT GERALD  
FORD IS HIGHLY CAPABLE OF FULFILLING THE REQUIREMENTS AND IS  
AN EXCELLENT CHOICE FOR THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

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TO DIRECTOR

ALEXANDRIA (161-2322)

FROM LOS ANGELER (161-2741) (RUC) 1P

Mr. [Signature]  
Room 2215

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, AKA, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED:  
CLOSE OF BUSINESS 10-18-73.

RE ALEXANDRIA TEL TO BUREAU 10-18-73.

TODAY, EDWIN GUTHMAN, NATIONAL AFFAIRS EDITOR, "LOS ANGELES TIMES", LOS ANGELES, ADVISED IS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH FORD AND HAS NEVER MET OR EVEN COVERED STORY CONCERNING HIM. GUTHMAN NOT AWARE OF FORD'S ASSOCIATES AND COULD PROVIDE NO LEADS REGARDING INDIVIDUALS IN LOS ANGELES WHO MAY BE ACQUAINTED WITH APPOINTEE. GUTHMAN WAS QUERIED REGARDING FORD'S BACKGROUND, HOWEVER, INDICATED HE KNOWS ONLY "WHAT HE READS IN NEWSPAPER" CONCERNING FORD AND WOULD HESITATE TO PROVIDE THAT SECONDHAND KNOWLEDGE. HE INDICATED NO AWARENESS OF ANY PROBLEMS IN FORD'S BACKGROUND AND WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION OF VALUE WHATSOEVER.

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IN VIEW OF ABOVE, NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED, UACB.

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7:00PM NITEL 10-18-73 WDR

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: SPRINGFIELD (161-666) (2P)

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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, AKA. SPIN; EXPEDITE  
INVESTIGATION.

RE DETROIT TELETYPE 10/18/73.

[REDACTED] LINCOLN,

ILLINOIS, INTERVIEWED 10/18/73. [REDACTED] ADVISED SHE  
WORKED AS A VOLUNTEER SUMMER WORKER IN THE CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE  
OF GERALD FORD FROM JUNE, 1963, TO AUGUST 1963. DURING THAT  
TIME SHE HAD DAILY CONTACT WITH FORD BUT ADVISES THIS CONTACT  
WAS LIMITED TO ONLY A FEW MINUTES EACH DAY. SHE WAS  
ACQUAINTED WITH HIM ONLY ON A PROFESSIONAL BASIS ALTHOUGH  
FORD WAS A PERSONAL FRIEND OF HER FATHERS. [REDACTED] ADVISED  
THAT SHE AND THE OTHERS IN FORD'S OFFICE CONSIDERED HIM TO BE  
A PERSON OF SUPERIOR CHARACTER WHO HELD THE RESPECT OF ALL.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT FORD'S ASSOCIATES WERE PEOPLE OF  
"INCREDIBLE INTERGRITY AND HONESTY". [REDACTED] STATED SHE

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HAD NO QUESTION OF FORD'S LOYALTY. SHE FURTHER ADVISED,  
HOWEVER, THAT SHE WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO BE FULLY AWARE OF  
FORD'S ACTIVITIES AND PROFESSIONAL CAPABILITIES.

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FROM DETROIT (161-1355) 2P

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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, AKA. SPIN; EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION

RE BUREAU TELETYPE 10/15/73.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF SPRINGFIELD, BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT VERY EXPEDITE AND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF FORD WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED VICE PRESIDENT. INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE COMMENSURATE WITH HIGH OFFICE INVOLVED.

FORD WAS BORN 7/14/13, OMAHA, NEBRASKA, AND RESIDES 514 CROWN VIEW DRIVE, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA. HE ALSO HAS A HOME AT 1624 SHERMAN STREET, SE, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

INVESTIGATION IN DETROIT DIVISION DETERMINED MR. BETHEL KELLEY, 640 HENLEY DRIVE, BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN, A FELLOW FOOTBALL TEAMMATE AND FRATERNITY BROTHER OF THE APPOINTEE, AT UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN FROM 1931-1934, WHO HAS MAINTAINED HIS ACQUAINTANCESHIP WITH THE APPOINTEE TO THE PRESENT, ADVISED HE HAS A DAUGHTER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RESIDING [REDACTED]

ILLINOIS, PHONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO WHILE ATTENDING WELLESLEY COLLEGE, WORKED [REDACTED]

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FOR THE APPOINTEE DURING THE SUMMER OF 1962 OR 1963 AT  
WASHINGTON, D.C. IN AN INTERN PROGRAM.

SPRINGFIELD AT LINCOLN, ILLINOIS INTERVIEW   
CONCERNING HER KNOWLEDGE OF THE APPOINTEE.

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TO DIRECTOR

PHOENIX

FROM DETROIT (161-1355)

GERALD RUDOLPH, <sup>O Ford</sup> SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED: PAST.

I INVESTIGATION CURRENTLY BEING CONDUCTED DUE TO FORD  
APPOINTMENT AS VICE-PRESIDENT. ONE ASPECT OF INVESTIGATION  
CONCERNS ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING POSSIBLE MISUSE OF \$11,500.00  
IN CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS DONATED TO APPOINTEE FOR HIS 1970  
CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN IN MICHIGAN.

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN. REVEALED  
THAT DURING 1970, GEORGE MORITZ HELD THE POSITION OF REPUBLICAN  
FINANCE CHAIRMAN FOR THE FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN,  
APPOINTEE'S HOME DISTRICT.

INVESTIGATION AT GRAND RAPIDS REVEALED, THIS DATE, THAT  
MORITZ HAS CURRENT ADDRESS, [REDACTED] SEDONA,  
ARIZONA. TELEPHONE [REDACTED] HE ALSO HAS A MAILING ADDRESS  
OF BOX 1194, SEDONA, ARIZONA, 86336.

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LEAD: PHOENIX, SEDONA, ARIZONA;

WILL INTERVIEW MORITZ FOR ANY INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE

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CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF \$11,500.00 IN CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS COLLECTED FROM VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS IN 1970 AND FORWARDED BY THE FIFTH DISTRICT REPUBLICAN FINANCE COMMITTEE TO THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ALLEGEDLY THIS MONEY WAS THEN RETURNED TO MR. FORD'S RE-ELECTION COMMITTEE IN ONE LUMP SUM BY THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

PHOENIX IS ADVISED THAT INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER SHOULD BE CONDUCTED EXPEDITIOUSLY, NOTING THAT BUDED HAS PASSED. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN REPORT FORM WITH SIX COPIES TO THE BUREAU.

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TO DIRECTOR

ALEXANDRIA

FROM DETROIT (161-1355) 1P

Mr. Coleman  
Room 1246

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, AKA, SPIN; EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION.

RE BU TELETYPE, 10/15/73.

INVESTIGATION AT DETROIT HAS DETERMINED THAT MR.  
ROBERT G. HOWLETT, CHAIRMAN, STATE OF MICHIGAN MEDIATION  
SERVICE, IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING A MEETING OF THE SOCIETY  
OF PROFESSIONALS TO DISPUTE RESOLUTIONS. HE CAN CURRENTLY  
BE REACHED AT THE SHERATON INN INTERNATIONAL CENTER, RESTON,  
VIRGINIA, TELEPHONE NUMBER 703-620-9000. AN ADDITIONAL  
NUMBER FOR HOWLETT MAY BE  ALEXANDRIA EXPEDITE  
INVESTIGATION AND SUREP IMMEDIATELY, BUDED OPENING OF BUSINESS  
10/18/73.

LEAD, ALEXANDRIA, AT RESTON, ALEXANDRIA: WILL CONTACT  
HOWLETT REGARDING HIS KNOWLEDGE OF FORD.

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8:17 AM IMMEDIATE 10-18-73 JMD

TO DIRECTOR

FROM PHILADELPHIA (161-2145) (P)

Mr. [Signature]  
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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, VICE-PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE, SPIN, BUDED 10-17-73

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RE CG PHONE CALL PH, AND PH PHONE CALL BUREAU, 10-17-73

ON

10-18-73 AT 1:00 AM, IRS AGENT [REDACTED] CONTACTED SRA

[REDACTED] ALLENTOWN, PA., RA, AND ADVISED HE COULD NOT

MEET WITH [REDACTED] UNTIL SOME TIME AM INSTANT. NO EXACT

TIME DESIGNATED. [REDACTED] WILL CONTACT [REDACTED] AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER  
INTERVIEW.

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8:54 PM 10-18-73 URGENT RJC

TO DIRECTOR

FROM PHILADELPHIA (161-2145) (P)

Mr. Coleman  
Room 1246

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, VICE-PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE, SPIN,  
BUDED 10-17-73 PAST.

RE PHILADELPHIA TELETYPE TO BU, 10-18-73; AND PHILADELPHIA  
PHONE CALL TO BUREAU, 10-18-73.

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ON INSTANT DATE, IRS AGENT [REDACTED] CHICAGO  
OFFICE, ADVISED HAD INTERVIEWED [REDACTED]  
PA., FOR APPROXIMATELY EIGHT HOURS REGARDING ORIGINAL ALLE-  
GATION MADE BY [REDACTED] 5-17-72, TO EXTEND [REDACTED] REPORTEDLY  
PAID FORD \$500 BRIBE PAYMENT. 5-17-72 INTERVIEW CONDUCTED  
AT CHICAGO, ILL. [REDACTED] EXPLAINED HAS HAD NUMEROUS INTER-  
VIEWS WITH [REDACTED] BETHLEHEM STEEL  
CORPORATION, BETHLEHEM, PA., [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] HAS

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PRACTICES REGARDING POLITICAL FIGURES IN UNITED STATES,  
WHOSE IDENTITIES [ ] DID NOT FURNISH.

DURING 5-17-72<sup>73</sup> INTERVIEW, [ ] STATED HE HAD  
QUESTIONED [ ] EXTENSIVELY REGARDING KICKBACK BRIBERY  
PRACTICES RELATING TO CERTAIN POLITICAL FIGURES. [ ]  
WAS ASKED TO IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL POLITICAL FIGURES WHO  
HAD RECEIVED BRIBE PAYMENTS FROM [ ] WHEREUPON [ ]  
REPORTEDLY STATED, "I MADE A PAYMENT TO GERALD FORD. I  
GAVE HIM \$500, AND HE SET ME UP WITH A MEETING WITH OTHER  
PEOPLE IN THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT." [ ] STATED [ ]  
EVIDENTLY MADE REFERENCE TO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,  
[ ] STATED NOTHING  
DONE AT THAT TIME TO EXPAND ON [ ] ALLEGATION UNTIL  
FORD RECENTLY NOMINATED BY PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON FOR  
VICE-PRESIDENT, UNITED STATES. AT THIS TIME, ABOVE ALLE-  
GATION MADE BY [ ] RELAYED BY DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
ATTORNEY BILL KENNEY, CHICAGO OFFICE, IRS, TO JUSTICE DEPARTMENT,  
WASHINGTON, D.C. [ ] THEREAFTER INSTRUCTED TO INTERVIEW  
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DURING INSTANT INTERVIEW, THIS DATE, [ ] ADVISED, DURING EARLY SPRING, 1968, HAD LUNCHEDED AT DEMOCRATIC CLUB, WASHINGTON, D.C. DURING LUNCH, [ ] MET ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT OF GERALD FORD, NAME NOT RECALLED, AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, DURING SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, ASKED, "IS BETHLEHEM GOING TO ATTEND FORTHCOMING REPUBLICAN DINNER?" [ ] STATED WAS NOT DEFINITIVE IN HIS REPLY, AS BETHLEHEM STEEL EMPLOYS LOBBYISTS, WASHINGTON, D.C., AND [ ] DID NOT WISH TO INFRINGE IN LOBBYIST TYPE AFFAIRS.

SEVERAL MONTHS AFTER ABOVE MEETING, SPECIFIC DATE NOT RECALLED, [ ] TRAVELED, IN BUSINESS CAPACITY, TO MICHIGAN CITY, IND., TO ATTEND WHAT [ ] RECALLS TO BE THE MID-AMERICAN AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING, SUCH MEETING HELD AT HOLIDAY INN NEAR AIRPORT, SAME CITY. [ ] EXPLAINED OFFICIALS, CHICAGO, ILL., WITHIN CONSIDERING BUILDING THIRD MAJOR AIRPORT, AND [ ] STATE OF INDIANA, AMONG OTHERS, WAS ATTEMPTING TO HAVE AIRPORT BUILT SOMEWHERE IN INDIANA. [ ] ADVISED

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BETHLEHEM STEEL OFFICIALS DID NOT DESIRE AIRPORT BE BUILD<sup>T</sup> IN INDIANA, AS MAJOR BETHLEHEM STEEL PLANT LOCATED IN CHICAGO, ILL., AREA, AND STEEL EXECUTIVES DID NOT WANT "POPULATION DRAIN" FROM STEEL COMPANY AREA. [ ] STATED AT THIS MEETING [ ] ASKED [ ] FOR A CONTRIBUTION TO STATE AND NATIONAL REPUBLICAN PARTY; HOWEVER, [ ] TOLD [ ] [ ] HANDLED SUCH MATTERS.

APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS AFTER ABOVE MEETING, SPECIFIC DATE UNRECALLED, PROBABLY DURING SUMMER MONTHS, 1968, [ ] TRAVELED TO WASHINGTON, D.C., AND CALLED SAME FORD, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED, AND ADVISED THIS INDIVIDUAL [ ] HAD REMINDED [ ] OF FORTHCOMING REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN PARTY. [ ] STATED TOLD ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT DESIRED TABLE AT PARTY, AND [ ] THEN FURNISHED UNRECALLED NAME OF NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE MEMBER TO CONTACT. APPROXIMATELY FIVE DAYS LATER, [ ] TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THIS PERSON,

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AND ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO MEET THIS INDIVIDUAL AT ROTUNDA, WASHINGTON, D.C. [ ] AND UNIDENTIFIED MALE LUNCHEd IN WASHINGTON, D.C., SEVERAL DAYS THEREAFTER, AND [ ] ARRANGED TO PURCHASE FIVE TICKETS, \$100 A PIECE. ON SAME DATE, [ ] PAID \$500 TO THIS UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL FROM WHAT [ ] DESCRIBED AS BETHLEHEM STEEL CORPORATE FUNDS. TICKETS SUBSEQUENTLY PICKED UP FROM THIS INDIVIDUAL BY UNRECALLED SUBORDINATE OF [ ]

[ ] NEXT RECALLS ATTENDING REPUBLICAN PARTY FUND RAISING DINNER, DATE UNRECALLED. PARTY BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN HELD SHOREHAM HOTEL OR NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY, WASHINGTON, D.C. [ ] INTRODUCED TO GERALD FORD THIS FUNCTION FOR FIRST TIME, AND NO PARTICULAR DISCUSSION HELD, EXCEPT FOR "SOCIAL EMNITIES". [ ] STATED HAS SINCE MET FORD AT VARIOUS SOCIAL FUNCTIONS; HOWEVER, NO CONTRIBUTIONS DISCUSSED, AND AGAIN GENERAL SOCIAL TYPE CONVERSATION ENSUED.

[ ] STATES NEVER RECEIVED ANY TYPE FAVORS OR GRATUITIES FROM FORD AND NEVER PAID FORD \$500 OR ANY OTHER  
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MONIES, AS ORIGINALLY STATED DURING 5-17-72 INTERVIEW.

[ ] STATED WAS NEVER INTRODUCED TO ANYONE BY FORD'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR PURPOSE OF FAVORS TO BE RENDERED; HOWEVER, [ ] BELIEVED, THROUGH \$500 PAYMENT FOR TICKETS, REPUBLICAN PARTY FUND RAISING DINNER, HE MIGHT BE "SETTING UP FORD" FOR CERTAIN FAVORS IN FUTURE. [ ] STATED FORD FROM STATE OF MICHIGAN, AND BETHLEHEM STEEL CORPORATION HAS QUANTITY LIME STONE RESERVES AND QUARRIES THIS STATE, AND FORD'S FAVORS COULD HAVE CONCEIVABLY BEEN UTILIZED BY BETHLEHEM STEEL IN FUTURE.

AGENT [ ] ADVISED [ ] EXTREMELY RAMBLING DURING INTERVIEW; HOWEVER, [ ] WAS ADAMANT AND WOULD NOT CONSENT TO BE INTERVIEWED BY FBI AGENTS. [ ] STATED, "IF AN FBI AGENT WOULD COME TO MY DOOR, I AM GOING TO TELL HIM TO GET LOST." [ ] REQUESTED BY [ ] TO FURNISH SIGNED STATEMENT, BUT [ ] DECLINED, STATING WOULD DO SO ONLY IN PRESENCE OF HIS ATTORNEY. [ ] ATTORNEY IDENTIFIED

AS [ ]

UACB, [ ] NOT BEING INTERVIEWED PER HIS STATEMENT TO AGENT [ ] REPORT TO FOLLOW.  
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REPORTING OFFICE <b>CHICAGO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>BUREAU</b>	DATE <b>10/18/73</b>	PERIOD OF INVESTIGATION <b>10/17-18/73</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>GERALD R. FORD, aka.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	TYPED BY <b>BJD</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPI</b>	

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## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

REFERENCE: Bureau telephone calls to Chicago 10/17/73 and 10/19/73.

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### ADMINISTRATIVE

This report contains only results of investigation pertaining to the allegation allegedly made by  to IRS, SA  and WILLIAM S. KENNEY, Departmental Attorney, USDJ.

Following interview with IRS, SA , set forth in attached report, he advised he was unable to disclose the whereabouts of  without clearing with his superiors. He subsequently advised the decision had been made by his superiors that he immediately proceed to Pennsylvania via airline, to talk to

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SPECIAL AGENT  
IN CHARGE

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1 - Chicago (161-2695)

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#### Dissemination Record of Attached Report

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[ ] in an effort to arrange an interview between [ ] and FBI agents. He advised he would contact the Philadelphia Division of the FBI, as [ ] was located within that Division, upon his arrival and a determination as to whether or not [ ] would agree to an interview.

The Philadelphia Office was accordingly advised.

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Copy to:

Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: 10/18/73

Office: CHICAGO

Field Office File #: 161-2695

Bureau File #:

Title: GERALD R. FORD

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Internal Revenue Service Special Agent and an attorney for the Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, both state during interview of [REDACTED] he claimed making payment of \$500.00 to GERALD FORD for contacts in Highway Commission. FORD and Highway Commission not identified.

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DETAILS:

Miscellaneous

*Special Agent (SA)*  
[REDACTED] Intelligence Division, Internal Revenue Service (IRS), 17 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised on October 17, 1973, that [REDACTED] first came to his attention during an interview with him at Chicago on May 17, 1973.

[REDACTED] During a subsequent interview [REDACTED] made the statement that

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✓ [ ] he had made a payoff to a Chicago Alderman on behalf of his former employer, Bethlehem Steel Company. Based on this allegation it was arranged that [ ] be interviewed in Chicago by IRS.

SA [ ] said he conducted the interview of [ ] on May 17, 1973, and that Mr. WILLIAM S. KENNEY, Attorney, Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice, was present at this interview.

✓ Near the end of the interview [ ] was asked if he had made any payoffs to any other politicians. He stated that he had paid \$500 to GERALD FORD for contacts in the Highway Commission.

SA [ ] said that neither FORD nor the Highway Commission was further identified, and to his knowledge this particular aspect of the interview was not pursued any further.



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✓ Mr. WILLIAM S. KENNEY, Attorney, Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice, was interviewed on October 18, 1973, at Chicago FBI Office, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

He advised that to the best of his <sup>knowledge</sup> ~~knowledge~~

[redacted] was interviewed in Philadelphia by either ~~Federal~~ Internal Revenue Service Agents or by the United States Attorney's Office. During this interview, [redacted] stated that he had made a payoff to an <sup>Alderman</sup> Alderman in Chicago on behalf of his former employer, the Bethlehem Steel Company. <sup>Corporation</sup>

Mr. KENNEY stated that <sup>his</sup> prior to ~~the~~ indictment, of [redacted] that [redacted] had been employed by Bethlehem Steel Company [redacted]

<sup>Corporation</sup> Mr. KENNEY said that, based upon [redacted] statement of making a payoff to an Alderman in Chicago ~~that~~ he, [redacted] was brought to Chicago on May 17, 1973, to be interviewed by the Internal Revenue Service. Mr. KENNEY said he sat in on this interview to try to determine the ~~credibility~~ <sup>credibility</sup> of [redacted] as a potential witness for the United States Government.

✓ At the end of the interview [redacted] was asked a general question like, "Were there any other politicians to whom you have made payoffs?"

[redacted] responded that he gave \$500 to GERALD FORD for contacts in the Highway Commission.

Mr. KENNEY said that GERALD FORD was not further identified, the particular Highway Commission was not specifically named, and this particular matter was not pursued any further at that time to his knowledge.

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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, AKA. SPIN; BUDED: PAST.

RE DETROIT TELEPHONE CALL TO COLUMBIA THIS DATE.

DIVORCE RECORDS OF WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, REVIEWED THIS  
DATE REVEAL DIVORCE ACTION, COURT DOCKET NUMBER 351501,

[REDACTED] PLAINTIFF, AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DEFENDANT. FURTHER REVIEW OF THIS DOCKET NUMBER REVEALED

THAT ON 11/23/43, PLAINTIFF FILED DIVORCE MOTION AGAINST  
DEFENDANT CHARGING LACK OF SUPPORT AND BRUTALITY. DIVORCE  
WAS GRANTED ON 6/26/44 AFTER DEFENDANT REFUSED TO TESTIFY  
OR ANSWER A SUBPOENA. THERE WERE NO CHILDREN INVOLVED AND  
NO MONETARY SETTLEMENT.

COURT RECORD REVEALS PLAINTIFF AND DEFENDANT WERE MARRIED  
ON 1/31/39 IN CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA, BUT WERE LIVING IN  
DETROIT AT THE TIME OF DIVORCE ACTION. THE MAIDEN NAME OF  
PLAINTIFF WAS [REDACTED]

COURT RECORDS CONTAINED MINIMAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION  
REGARDING [REDACTED] AND THE FOLLOWING  
DESCRIPTIVE DATA WAS OBTAINED:

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AGE AT TIME OF DIVORCE - 29; RESIDENCE AT TIME OF  
DIVORCE, [REDACTED] DETROIT,  
MICHIGAN; EMPLOYMENT, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

THERE WAS NO IDENTIFYING INFORMATION FOR THE PLAINTIFF,  
[REDACTED]

COLUMBIA AT CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA WILL EXPEDITIOUSLY  
REVIEW MARRIAGE RECORDS FOR [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND OBTAIN ALL DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
AVAILABLE.

DETROIT WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] DETROIT, AND AT [REDACTED]  
TO DETERMINE IF [REDACTED] IS IDENTICAL  
WITH APPOINTEE.

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TO DIRECTOR

COLUMBIA

FROM DETROIT 161-1355

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED: PAST.

RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND COLUMBIA THIS DATE  
AND DETROIT TELEPHONE CALLS TO COLUMBIA THIS DATE.

ON 10/18/73 [REDACTED] WHITE, MALE,

DOB [REDACTED] POB BRIGHTON, ENGLAND, CURRENT ADDRESS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DETROIT, MICH., CURRENT EMPLOYMENT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE MARRIED [REDACTED] IN CONWAY, SOUTH  
CAROLINA, 1/31/39.

IN 11/43, [REDACTED] FILED FOR DIVORCE AT DETROIT,  
MICHIGAN, AND IN 6/44, DIVORCE WAS GRANTED [REDACTED] ADVISED AT  
TIME OF DIVORCE HIS RESIDENCE WAS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] DETROIT, MICHIGAN, AND HE WAS EMPLOYED AT THAT  
TIME BY [REDACTED] DETROIT.

IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT [REDACTED] IS NOT  
IDENTICAL WITH APPOINTEE, COLUMBIA DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION  
IN REFERENCED TELETYPE.

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TO DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM DETROIT (161-1355)

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Room 1246

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED: PAST.

INTERVIEW WITH A. ROBERT KLEINER, ATTORNEY AND CHAIRMAN,  
FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE, 1508 MC KAY  
TOWERS, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, REVEALED HE HAS RECENTLY BEEN  
CONTACTED BY A [ ] A WASHINGTON BUREAU REPORTER FOR THE  
NEW YORK TIMES, AND THAT THE THRUST OF [ ] QUESTIONS WAS  
WHETHER KLEINER HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE OF EDWARD FRYE, PRESIDENT OF THE  
UNION BANK, GRAND RAPIDS, CHARGING EXCESSIVE INTEREST RATES,  
AND WHETHER THE APPOINTEE HAD INTERCEDED IN WASHINGTON ON  
FRYE'S BEHALF.

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE WILL INTERVIEW [ ] FOR  
FULL DETAILS REGARDING ABOVE ALLEGATIONS.

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SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

October 18, 1973

Investigation to date indicates

[Redacted]

[Redacted] We are  
checking this out.

Attached indicates

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

allegedly spread rumors that

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

We are checking this out.

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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED PAST.

M. HOWARD RIENSTRA, PROFESSOR OF HISTORY, CALVIN COLLEGE,  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, AND CITY COMMISSIONER, GRAND RAPIDS,  
WAS CONTACTED 10/17/73, AND ADVISED THAT THERE WERE RUMORS  
BEING SPREAD IN WASHINGTON, D.C., DURING DECEMBER, 1972. BY

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

LEAD: WFO.

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TO : Mr. Cleveland *WCS*

DATE: 10-18-73

FROM : O. E. Coleman *OEC*

SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD  
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

For your information [redacted] Grand Rapids, Michigan,  
has advised [redacted]

In this connection checks drawn on Congressman Ford's account at the bank operated by the Sergeant-at-Arms, House of Representatives, and utilized exclusively by members of Congress, disclose the following:

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1. Check dated 5-18-71, signed by appointee, payable to [redacted] Washington, D. C., in the amount of \$160. A notation appeared on this check [redacted]

2. A check dated 6-8-71, signed by the appointee, payable to [redacted] Washington, D. C., in the amount of \$285. A notation appeared on this check [redacted] The number [redacted] also appears on this check and [redacted] advised that this may be a patient number.

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Franck
- 1 - Mr. Bowers
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Coleman

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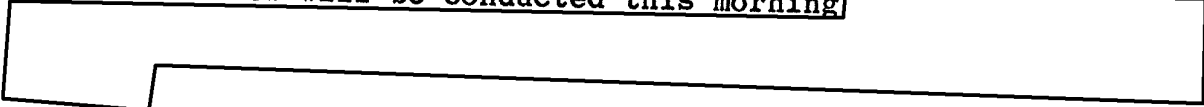
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Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland  
Re: Gerald Rudolph Ford

We have obtained a release from Mr. Ford to interview the family physician, Dr. John Roberts, at Alexandria, Virginia. This interview will be conducted this morning



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Honorable Howard W. Cannon  
Chairman  
Committee on Rules and Administration  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter will provide the Committee on  
and Administration with the guidelines and procedures  
which the Department of Justice feels will be  
for the handling of the investigative reports of  
Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with the  
nomination of Gerald R. Ford to be Vice President of  
the United States, which nomination is pending with  
your Committee.

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Recognizing the need for careful consideration of all investigative reports regarding the nominee, we would propose to provide you and the ranking Republican member of your Committee <sup>with access to</sup> the FBI investigative reports in their entirety, rather than summaries thereof. To insure to the greatest extent possible that you will be provided with all relevant materials in a fashion that fully safeguards the rights and interests of innocent parties, access to such investigative reports should not extend to Committee staff members. In addition, all such FBI materials should remain in the custody of officials of the Department of Justice, who will make these files available for your personal review in a manner that is mutually agreeable. No materials will be left with the Committee, but will be returned to the Department of Justice at the conclusion of each session during which they are available for your personal review. To assist you in reviewing the voluminous investigative reports, <sup>a</sup> knowledgeable FBI representatives <sup>will accompany my representative and</sup> will be present during the review.

The Director of the FBI has advised me that the experience of the FBI clearly indicates that disclosure of or access to investigative reports should be very narrowly circumscribed to protect innocent parties from publication of unfounded allegations.

The policy of limited access is based on  
~~There is~~ an obvious need to protect individual privacy and in some instances to protect the lives of persons where FBI investigations have required confidential interviews. Even disclosure of information which is true and accurate can be harmful to innocent persons or impair the opportunity of a defendant to enjoy his constitutional right to due process. It is absolutely essential that citizens of this country be able to speak to agents of the FBI without fear. The threat of disclosure and subsequent retribution would impose an intolerable burden on the freedom of communication. Equally important, disclosure of FBI files would deny to the FBI needed information in possession of persons who, because of a natural reluctance, would be unwilling to assist in an investigation if they have reason to believe that their information would not be held in confidence. There is a corresponding need to protect those engaged in FBI operations from publication of their recorded comments, suggestions, and criticisms which enrich the administration of the FBI and afford the Director an environment for effective and well considered decisions.

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During the last several months, we have been made acutely aware of the dangers involved in the improper disclosure of information furnished on a confidential basis. The experience of the Senate Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities during the first few months of its existence demonstrates the need to provide very restrictive controls on the availability of sensitive information. Regardless of the procedures adopted in the past in particular instances, we feel the approach outlined above will serve the Committee's legitimate needs and interests, while protecting innocent persons and safeguarding the interests of the public <sup>by</sup> ~~in~~ maintaining the FBI capacity to collect critically <sup>otherwise</sup> ~~would be unwilling~~ important information from individuals who <sup>are willing to</sup> ~~to provide it~~.  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. (1) Will obtain comments from Representative  
KENNETH J. GRAY when available.

(2) Will interview [REDACTED]

(3) Will determine identity of wife's former husband and set

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forth appropriate leads.

(4) Will interview FRANK E. FITZSIMMONS, International Union of Teamsters, when available.

(5) Will report results of check of records of Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives.

(6) Will review records concerning private bills introduced by FORD.

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Officers of ADA furnished no unfavorable information concerning appointee, however, oppose his confirmation because of voting record. National Chairman FRASER withholds further comments pending appointee's confirmation.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.



Americans For Democratic Action (ADA)

The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] on October 18, 1973.

Mr. JOSEPH RAUH, Attorney, Rauh and Silard, 1001 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. advised that he is a former National Chairman of ADA and that he is currently a Vice Chairman. Mr. RAUH stated that ADA, and he as a member of ADA, are opposed to the confirmation of Mr. GERALD R. FORD as Vice President of the United States because it is felt that Mr. FORD has a very poor voting record in the House of Representatives. Mr. RAUH stated that he knew of nothing that could be considered to be of a derogatory nature in the background of Mr. FORD and that his opposition to Mr. FORD's confirmation and ADA's opposition to the confirmation are due to what ADA believes is a very poor congressional voting record on the part of GERALD R. FORD.

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Mr. LEON SHULL, Executive Director of ADA, 1424 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. stated that ADA is basing their opposition to Mr. FORD's confirmation as Vice President on what is believed to be a "very poor" voting record in Congress on Mr. FORD's part. According to Mr. SHULL, ADA feels that Mr. FORD's record was extremely poor in the fields of Civil Rights, Labor, Environmental Programs, Social Programs, and the Indo-China Defense Policy. Mr. SHULL stated that there is nothing personal in the opposition to Mr. FORD's confirmation. ADA believes that Mr. FORD would not be a good Vice President of the United States based on his past performance as a member of the House of Representatives and therefore is opposing his confirmation to the post.

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On October 18, 1973, Representative DONALD M. FRASER (Minnesota), National Chairman, Americans for Democratic Action, advised SA RICHARD T. TAYLOR, JR., he has known the appointee on a professional basis for approximately six years. He said he and the appointee have differed with regard to legislative philosophy but he stressed he has no information concerning his personal or professional integrity in these areas. Representative FRASER has seen news accounts by Columnists JAMES M. POLK and JACK ANDERSON which infer questionable conduct of the appointee's relationship with Lobbyist ROBERT WINTER-BERGER. He has no independent information regarding this relationship which would tend to support or refute the assertions contained in these news accounts. Representative FRASER has no question concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation, or loyalty. He is withholding all further comments concerning the appointee pending his confirmation by the House of Representatives.

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On October 18, 1973, JOHN J. SHEEHAN, Director, Legislative Department, United Steel Workers of America, 1001 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., advised SA [REDACTED], that he is not personally familiar with the appointee, GERALD R. FORD. He stated that he may have had professional contact with the appointee on one or two occasions in connection with his liaison work with the Congress but added that he does not know the appointee well enough to make any comment concerning him or to give him a recommendation for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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Office: Alexandria, Virginia

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Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

Dr. JOHN E. ROBERTS, M.D., Alexandria, Virginia, family physician, highly recommended appointee and family. He knows of no serious physical or any mental illness concerning the appointee or any member of his family. On 10/18/73, LOUIS B. NICHOLS, former Assistant Director, FBI, contacted and advised he has known appointee for approximately 25 years and regards him as a man of excellent character, morals and reputation. He advised he could not supply any derogatory information concerning appointee and would highly recommend him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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FAMILY PHYSICIAN

On October 18, 1973, JOHN E. ROBERTS, M.D., 312 South Washington Street, Alexandria, Virginia, advised SA [REDACTED] that he has been the appointee's family doctor infrequently since 1951. He said he has never treated the appointee, however, has met him at his house when he made calls on other members of the family and also on several social occasions in Alexandria, Virginia. He said he knows of no serious physical or any mental illness concerning the appointee or any member of his family. Dr. ROBERTS said he had treated the appointee's children over the years for colds and routine physical checkups but nothing of a serious nature.

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Dr. ROBERTS said he **has** the highest regard for the appointee and his family because they are a close family group and down to earth, plain people. He said they enjoy an excellent reputation in the community and he **has** no hesitation in highly recommending the appointee and his family concerning their character, associates and reputation. Dr. ROBERTS said that he is sure the appointee would make an excellent Vice President, as he is a very capable and responsible individual who has dedicated most of his life to public service. Dr. ROBERTS said that although he has had

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only occasional social contact with the appointee, many of his patients know the appointee personally and he has never heard anything unfavorable or derogatory concerning him or any member of his family.

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The following investigation was conducted at Leesburg, Virginia, by SA [REDACTED]

On October 18, 1973, Mr. LOUIS B. NICHOLS, Route 1, Box 419, Leesburg, Virginia, former Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C., was contacted and advised that he has known the appointee since the appointee was first elected to Congress in 1948. He advised that he, NICHOLS, was originally from the state of Michigan, and before the appointee had come to Washington, D.C. as a Congressman, he had received reports from associates of his in Michigan that the appointee was a man of excellent reputation and character, and would make an outstanding Congressman.

Mr. NICHOLS advised that when the appointee first came to Washington, D.C., he personally contacted him, NICHOLS, and they became good friends and social acquaintances primarily based on their both being natives of the state of Michigan. He advised that the appointee and his family have often been guests at his residence and he, NICHOLS, and his family have been very close with them for over 25 years.

Mr. NICHOLS advised that in his capacity as an Assistant Director with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), one of his duties was liaison with members of Congress concerning FBI affairs. He advised that he came into contact with the appointee in this regard and found him to be an intelligent and honest individual. He also advised that the other members of Congress with whom he, NICHOLS, came in contact always regarded the appointee as a man of excellent character, reputation and ability.

Mr. NICHOLS advised that the appointee is a religious man who is very happily married and is very conservative in his personal habits. He advised that during the 25 years that they have been acquainted he has never heard a breath of scandal concerning the appointee, and during that period of time has come to regard him as probably one of the most honorable men he has ever known.

Mr. NICHOLS advised that the appointee is a conservative politician while also being progressive in such



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a field as human rights. He advised the appointee is greatly concerned for the dignity of the individual citizens of the United States and would do all in his power to insure that every citizen was given every opportunity to improve and better himself.

Mr. NICHOLS advised that as far as he is concerned he regards the appointee as a man who is "clean as a tooth." He explained that his experiences, both officially and socially, with the appointee have led him to the conclusion that he is a man who will not hide anything from his constituents or his fellow Congressmen. He advised that his experiences again with the appointee have only indicated to him that he is a man of outstanding character, morals and integrity, and he regards him as an admirable choice for the position of Vice President of the United States.

Mr. NICHOLS advised that the appointee is a man of strong convictions who will not compromise his high principles for political expediency. He advised that this is primarily why he would recommend the appointee for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>	
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Title: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Records, Central Records Office, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C., reflect attendance of GERALD R. FORD, JR., during first summer session, summer of 1938. He took two courses and received B grade in each course. No unfavorable information was reflected in the records.

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DETAILS:

EDUCATION

On October 18, 1973, [REDACTED] Central Records Office, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, advised that the records of her office show that GERALD R. FORD, JR., whose home address was shown only as Grand Rapids, Michigan, attended the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, during the first summer session of the summer of 1938. He entered the university in June, 1938, and remained in attendance until July, 1938, and during this period of time took two law courses. She identified these courses as Contracts and Federal Jurisdiction, for which he received a B grade in each course. The records show that he had previously attended the University of Michigan and Yale University School of Law, his date of birth was listed as July 14, 1913, and there was no Chapel Hill, North Carolina, address shown in the files concerning his residence while attending the University of North Carolina. There was no unfavorable or derogatory information contained in the records.

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On October 18, 1973, [redacted] Registrar,  
University of North Carolina School of Law, Chapel Hill, North  
Carolina, advised that during the first summer session of the  
summer of 1938, that Contracts was taught by Professor JOHN P.  
DALZELL, who retired several years ago, and Federal Jurisdiction  
was taught by HARRY SHULMAN, a Visiting Professor from Yale  
University School of Law.

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SUBJECT: <b>GERALD MITCHELL FORD, aka</b> ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 02-08-2008 BY 60324/UC/BAW/STP/ELs		

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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

FORD purchased Vail, Colo., condominium in 5/70  
No restrictive covenants on this property.  
ROSS E. DAVIS, Owner, Davis Insurance and Lodge  
Property Developments, Denver, not sufficiently  
acquainted to characterize FORD re character or  
associates, but has no unfavorable information.

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DETAILS:

Investigation at Eagle, Colorado, was  
conducted by SA DAVID W. YATES with all remaining  
by SA H. WARREN TOOL, JR.

RESIDENCE

On October 18, 1973, Mr. ROSS E. DAVIS, Owner, Davis Insurance and Lodge Property Developments, 2230 First National Bank Building, Denver, Colorado, advised that in the early part of 1970, GERALD R. FORD made a \$1000 down payment on Unit 332 of The Lodge At Vail. A short time later when the agreement to purchase the unit was made, Mr. FORD made another payment of \$4050. Still later, and before the closing, Mr. FORD made still another payment of \$5050, which amounted to 20% of the total purchase price of \$50,500. At the closing, on May 1, 1970, Mr. FORD paid the 80% balance of \$40,400.

Mr. DAVIS said Mr. FORD made these payments on the property in cash by use of personal checks. He said he had no information as to whether or not Mr. FORD borrowed a portion of this money with which to pay off the full price of the condominium or whether he utilized his personal reserves. He said he had no information, or records, to show a mortgage existed on the property for which Mr. FORD is responsible. Mr. DAVIS said all of his dealings with Mr. FORD have been entirely satisfactory. He said there were no restrictive covenants in the use or ownership of Mr. FORD's property in The Lodge At Vail, barring persons because of race, creed or religion; that in fact, it is **specifically** stated to the contrary.

Mr. DAVIS said that he had met Mr. FORD on two or three occasions in person but did not feel he knew him sufficiently well to characterize him as to his character, reputation, associates, or loyalty; however, he knew of no information which would reflect unfavorably as to Mr. FORD. He said that practically all his dealings with Mr. FORD were either by letter or telephone in connection with the property purchase.

MISCELLANEOUS

On October 18, 1973, ELLA BINDLEY, Deputy Assessor's Office, Eagle County, Eagle, Colorado, advised that the Warranty Deed for the condominium unit 332, the Lodge Apartment Condominium, Vail, Colorado, was recorded in Eagle County, Eagle, Colorado, on May 7, 1970, reflecting the purchase of this unit by GERALD R. FORD and ELIZABETH B. FORD, as joint tenants and not as tenants in common.

The legal description of this property is Lots a and b, Block 5-C, Vail Village, First Filing, Eagle County, Eagle, Colorado.

ELLA BINDLEY made available the Eagle County, Clerk and Recorder's Office records located in Book 174, Pages 179-186, recorded August 10, 1962, Protection Covenants of Vail Village, First Filing, Eagle County, Eagle, Colorado, and Book 217, Page 531 (consisting of 16 pages) of the "Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions establishing a plan for condominium ownership of the Lodge Apartment Condominium" recorded March 30, 1970. There were no covenants recorded on the property restricting ownership or occupancy of persons as to race, religion, or national origins.

The legal name of the condominium units which are a part of the Lodge At Vail is the Lodge Apartment Condominium.



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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Judge ROBERT COLUMBO, Records Court, City of Detroit, Michigan, recommends FORD for appointment to the Vice Presidency of the United States, but does not know him intimately.

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DETAILS:

Judge ROBERT COLUMBO, Records Court, City of Detroit, Michigan, home residence 2530 Mc Nichols Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, was contacted at his vacation residence, Light House Cove Motel, Pompano Beach, Florida, on October 18, 1973.

He advised he met GERALD FORD about twenty years ago in Detroit, Michigan, and has met him several times since then. He stated, however, that he has never had any business dealings with him, and FORD never appeared in his courtroom. He stated he did not regard himself as an intimate friend of FORD. He stated FORD's baliwick is in Grand Rapids, Michigan, whereas Judge COLUMBO's is in Detroit, Michigan, 175 miles away.

Judge COLUMBO stated he met FORD through [redacted] a practicing attorney with offices at [redacted] Detroit, Michigan. [redacted] attended the University of Michigan with FORD. He advised he considers FORD a worthy candidate for the Vice Presidency of the United States, and has never heard anything concerning him which would make him think otherwise.

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Office: Minneapolis

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Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Senator GEORGE MC GOVERN-D, South Dakota, has known Congressman FORD for approximately 15 years, as a man of excellent character, integrity. Senator MC GOVERN advised FORD is excellent choice for the Vice-President of the United States.

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## DETAILS:

[REDACTED] The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] at Kadoka, South Dakota:

Senator GEORGE MC GOVERN-D, South Dakota, advised he has known Congressman GERALD FORD for approximately 15 years. MC GOVERN advised he first became acquainted with GERALD FORD when he, MC GOVERN, was a member of the U. S. House of Representatives during 1957-61. MC GOVERN said he has known FORD on a casual basis since that time.

Senator MC GOVERN advised FORD is a man of excellent character, possesses unquestionable integrity, trustworthiness, and patriotism. MC GOVERN advised FORD is highly capable of fulfilling the requirements of Vice-President and is an excellent choice for Vice-President of the United States.

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To: Mr. Cleveland  
From: O. E. Coleman *EC*  
Re: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD  
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

In January, 1942, Mr. Ford was a Special Agent applicant. Five reports were submitted by the field. These are good reports and contain considerable information concerning his family background, education, and early employments.

We contemplate disseminating these reports in connection with the current inquiry. Four of the five reports have been retyped to make them more presentable and all references to Ford as a Special Agent applicant have been omitted. He is referred to as an applicant with no mention of the employing agency.

It is noted the applicant investigation of Ford was discontinued in January, 1942. While the specific reason is not shown, underlining on a teletype indicates concern with a report he had joined the America First Committee while a law student at Yale University. Also he had been reclassified by his selective service board after a physical examination had disclosed a knee problem which

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had resulted from a football injury.

Copies of the five reports to be disseminated are attached.

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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD aka Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr., Leslie King, Jr.		CHARACTER OF CASE	
		SPECIAL INQUIRY # 1	

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LEAD:NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will continue attempts to contact [redacted] in care of [redacted] concerning her knowledge of any possible partnership her former husband, [redacted], may have had with the appointee.

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Title:

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Associate recommends. Individual who may  
have known appointee through Conover Agency  
now deceased.

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Miscellaneous

On October 18, 1973, inquiry at the Society of Illustrators, 128 East 63rd Street, New York City, determined BRADSHAW CRANDELL was a member of this Society until he died in January, 1966.

The January 26, 1966 issue of the "New York Times" indicated that BRADSHAW CRANDELL, aged 69, died of cancer the previous day, January 25, 1966, and his last residence was in Madison, Connecticut.

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DETAILS

Personal Associate

On October 18, 1973, CARTHA D. DE LOACH, Vice President of Corporate Affairs, Pepsico Corporation, Purchase, New York (NY), advised Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] that he first met the appointee in late 1963, after the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. The appointee was a member of the commission formed to investigate the assassination and Mr. DE LOACH, at that time Assistant Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), worked closely with the appointee in connection with that investigation. Since that time they have maintained professional and social contact. Mr. DE LOACH described the appointee as a fine, humble, outstanding leader and public servant. He said when the appointee became Minority Leader in the United States House of Representatives, he retained his humility. Mr. DE LOACH further characterized the appointee as a very intelligent person with a reputation for fair play and a meticulous approach to affairs of state. He stated that he has tremendous respect for the appointee and his wife. Mr. DE LOACH knows of nothing derogatory, either personally or professionally, concerning the appointee and recommended him without qualification for a position of trust and confidence.

Miscellaneous

Investigation has determined that Representative FORD may have been associated with the Conover Agency, a modeling agency, from 1939 to 1944 in New York City. It was also determined that one BRADSHAW CRANDELL, a well-known illustrator of magazine covers in the New York City area, was familiar with the Conover Agency.

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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

On 10-18-73, [REDACTED], also known as Alice Weston, [REDACTED] Ohio, advised that she has known FORD for many years and would recommend him without reservation for the position of Vice President.

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## DETAILS:

On October 18, 1973, [REDACTED] Ohio, advised that she also goes by the name ALICE WESTON in view of the fact that she appears on local television and has used this name for many years. [REDACTED] advised that she was born in [REDACTED] Michigan, and during her early years became acquainted with GERALD FORD through FORD's family relationship with her family. [REDACTED] stated that she considers GERALD FORD to be one of her closer family acquaintances and has maintained periodic contact with Mr. FORD over the years. She stated she has interviewed him on several occasions and has attended social functions with Mr. and Mrs. FORD.

[REDACTED] stated that she regards Mr. FORD as a person who maintains very high ideals in both his personal and professional dealings. She stated that he is a person of the highest integrity and of the highest moral character. [REDACTED] stated in fact that her father considered Mr. FORD almost as another son.

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"The Washington Payoff" by ROBERT N. WINTERBERGER in which he alleges that he paid her \$1,000 for introducing WINTERBERGER to FORD. [redacted] stated that this was absolutely untrue and as a result of his statements she had considered taking legal action against ~~WINTERBERGER~~.  
WINTER-BERGER

In conclusion, [redacted] stated that she would highly recommend Mr. FORD for any position of trust and loyalty in the Federal Government.

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**TREAT AS CRIMINAL**

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TITLE <b>GERALD EDWARD FORD</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>	FILED BY <b>rlb</b>
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Date: OCTOBER 18, 1973  
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Title: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

Office: CINCINNATI

Bureau File #:

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Honorable CLIFFORD O'SULLIVAN, Senior Judge, United States Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit, advised FORD man of ability, integrity and reputation, about whom he is aware of nothing of unfavorable nature. He advised that he recommended FORD for position of trust and confidence with the United States Government without reservations.

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DETAILS:FEDERAL JUDGES

On October 17, 1973, the Honorable CLIFFORD O'SULLIVAN, Senior Judge, United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, advised he had known GERALD FORD for at least 25 years. He stated that his friendship with FORD stems from the involvement of both in Michigan politics over the years. Judge O'SULLIVAN stated that he has been a United States Judge for 16 years and prior to that was Republican National Committeeman from the State of Michigan. He indicated that he was not a close friend of FORD's, and knew him only as a Congressman from Michigan. He stated he did not socialize with FORD and was not acquainted with his family.

Judge O'SULLIVAN stated FORD is a man of great ability and, to the best of his knowledge, a man of great integrity. He stated that he has no reason whatsoever to question FORD's honesty and indicated that FORD enjoys an excellent overall reputation. He stated that FORD is an able, thoroughly good American, whose loyalty to the United States is unquestioned.

Judge O'SULLIVAN stated that FORD is a graduate of the University of Michigan and, he believes, Yale Law School. He indicated that he is aware of nothing unfavorable or derogatory in FORD's background.

He advised that some years ago, in approximately 1955 or 1956, he attempted to persuade FORD to run for Governor of Michigan, as it was his judgment that he, FORD, would be an attractive candidate as he had political stature in the State of Michigan and was highly qualified. He stated that FORD declined on the grounds that he could better serve the people of Michigan in Congress.

Judge O'SULLIVAN further advised that he is not aware of any problems FORD had or now has with any minority groups. He stated that there is no doubt that FORD could deal with minorities in a fair, objective, and even-handed way. He stated that FORD is not a racist by any means.

Judge O'SULLIVAN stated he has no reason to question FORD's qualifications or ability to assume the office of Vice President of the United States and indicated that he would recommend FORD for said office without reservations.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Cleveland

FROM : O. E. Coleman *PEC*

SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD  
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

DATE: 10-18-73

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In accordance with a request received from the Deputy Attorney General on 10-15-73, who advised that The White House desired the investigation, an investigation has been conducted concerning Mr. Ford, United States Representative from Michigan. We had previously conducted a partial applicant-type investigation of Mr. Ford in 1942 when he applied for the position of Special Agent with the FBI. Investigation was discontinued prior to completion. Underlining in the file indicates that the reason for discontinuance were allegations that he joined the America First Committee at Yale University in the late 1930s and also he was possibly physically disqualified due to football injuries to his knees.

Ford, aged 60, was reared in Michigan and received his B.A. degree from the University of Michigan in 1935. He received an LL.B. degree from Yale University Law School in 1941. He practiced law in Grand Rapids until he entered the United States Navy in 1942. After being discharged in 1946 he again practiced law in Grand Rapids until he was elected to the 81st Congress in November, 1948. He has been in Congress since that time. He is married to the former Elizabeth Bloomer and they have three sons and one daughter. Since January, 1965, he has been Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

We have completed a substantial part of the investigation but there are still many leads outstanding. Thus far we have interviewed over 450 people from all walks of life concerning Mr. Ford. Investigation thus far is generally favorable concerning Ford. Some prominent labor union officials indicated they are not impressed with his voting record in Congress with respect to matters concerning labor, welfare, and civil rights and some of these were opposed to his nomination for those reasons.

1 - Mr. Callahan  
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Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland  
Re: Gerald Rudolph Ford

Robert C. Byrd, United States Senator from West Virginia, has advised that he does not desire to comment concerning Mr. Ford at this time.

In the past, Jack Anderson has criticized Ford in his column alleging Ford intervened on behalf of AVCO Corporation during an investigation of alleged illegal activities of that corporation. In 1963 we conducted, at the request of the Department, a limited investigation of allegations that an Air Force general and an assistant secretary of the Army may have received payments for having a contract for sound equipment awarded to AVCO. Ford's name never came up during that investigation. Upon completion of investigation the Department determined there was no basis for criminal action.

July, 1973, press reports indicate that Ford freely admitted that he helped G. Gordon Liddy, the Watergate figure, obtain his first job in Washington in 1969. Ford stated Liddy was one of many persons he tried to help get jobs and through his efforts, Liddy obtained a job in Washington with the Department of the Treasury.

Some Democratic Party officials in Michigan, such as Hubert Holley, Chairman of the First Congressional Democratic District of Detroit; Sander M. Levin, former Michigan Democratic State Chairman; and Bruce Miller, Chairman, Democratic Party for Wayne County, Michigan, would not recommend Mr. Ford for various reasons such as he is a Republican, they do not feel he is qualified, and he has voted against legislation favoring labor.

George C. Edwards, Jr., Judge, United States Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit, advised that although he has known Ford on a first-name basis for the past 15 years and believes him a very conscientious and conservative congressman, he could not recommend him for the office of Vice President as he does not feel Ford has the intellectual capacity to deal with that office.

Myra Wolfgang, Vice President, Hotel and Restaurant Workers and Bartenders International Union, Detroit, stated she is opposed to his appointment for strictly political reasons as she feels he is ultraconservative in his voting record regarding labor.

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RE: JACK ANDERSON

Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland  
Re: Gerald Rudolph Ford

Racial leaders were generally favorable in their comments concerning Ford and voiced no specific objection to his nomination. Other persons were also generally favorable but some indicated objection to him based on political differences, their opinions as to his ability, and his voting record in Congress. Ford's fellow congressmen, including the Michigan delegation, were generally favorable in their comments concerning him. Representative John D. Dingell is not yet certain whether he will vote to confirm Ford because of political differences relating to President Nixon's refusal to make available recordings and tapes sought by the Senate Watergate Committee and by Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox.

Mr. Ford's health is excellent. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] One Robert Winter-Berger, a former Washington lobbyist, in a book entitled "The Washington Pay-Off" published in 1972 alleged in the book that Ford had been the patient of a New York psychotherapist in the past. We have interviewed the psychotherapist who states this is a lie and Ford has never been a patient of his.

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Ernest Mazey, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Detroit, said he does not know Ford but considers him "a terrible choice" for Vice President as he considers him an "anti-civil libertarian" since he supports the President's position on wire tapping. He stated that the ACLU would take issue with Mr. Ford's appointment before appropriate Congressional Committees. Mr. Ford was a member of the Warren Commission investigating President Kennedy's assassination and was the author, with a ghost writer, of a book entitled "Portrait of the Assassin." Former Chief Justice Earl Warren advised it was agreed among the commission that the final report of investigation would be the only publication made of the inquiry. He was shocked when he heard of the book attributed to Mr. Ford. He pointed out he would allow this statement to stand on its own and based on its contents the reader could determine the propriety of Mr. Ford's action.

Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland  
Re: Gerald Rudolph Ford

Ford is a member of the University Club in Grand Rapids which is an exclusive, private, social club whose membership include business and professional people in the Grand Rapids area. Although there are no restrictions regarding membership in the club, there are no nonwhite members of the University Club. However, a representative of the club said there is no racial discrimination practiced by the club. Ford is also a member of the Peninsular Club in Grand Rapids but is very infrequently in the club. It is a "gentlemen's club" for social and business purposes. A representative of the club stated there is no discrimination against anyone because of sex, race, religion, or creed. There is currently one nonwhite member of that club.

We still have pending investigation concerning

Also we have other interviews still outstanding, including all officials of the Americans for a Democratic Action. A check of Mr. Ford's financial records has not been completed since we only obtained those records yesterday and our accounting agents are examining them in Grand Rapids and Washington now. We have received the usual Internal Revenue Service report concerning his 1970, 1971, and 1972 income tax returns. Those returns were timely filed and there is no record of unpaid taxes, liens, or intelligence investigations concerning those returns.

ACTION:

Attached are letters to General Haig at The White House and to the Attorney General transmitting the results of our investigation thus far to them. Two extra copies are being furnished to the Attorney General in the event The White House desires them to be furnished to the appropriate House and Senate committees considering Ford's nomination. Our investigation is continuing and will be completed as soon as possible.

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (161-9896)

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: PAST.

REMAINING INVESTIGATION THIS CASE MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY  
AND CONTINUOUS ATTENTION UNTIL COMPLETED. SUBMIT 6 COPIES OF YOUR  
REPS TO REACH BUREAU AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME.

REPORTS ARE BEING DISSEMINATED IN THIS CASE, AND IT IS  
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INFORMATION IS FULLY DEVELOPED AND REPORTED.

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RE ALEXANDRIA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, 10/19/73.

A WRITTEN RELEASE WAS OBTAINED FROM MICHAEL G. FORD  
AUTHORIZING THE FBI TO EXAMINE HIS BANK ACCOUNT, SAVINGS  
ACCOUNT NUMBER [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA. THIS RELEASE  
HAS BEEN FORWARDED DIRECTLY TO ALEXANDRIA BY FACSIMILE.

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RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, 10-19-73, AND ALEXANDRIA  
TELCALLS TO BOSTON, SALT LAKE CITY AND WFO, 10-19-73.

THIS CONFIRMING REFERENCED PHONE CALLS REGARDING SAVINGS  
ACCOUNTS OF THE FORD CHILDRED, SUSAN, STEVEN, MICHAEL, AND JOHN  
IN [REDACTED] ALEXANDRIA, VA.,  
CONTACT WITH BANK OFFICIAL MADE AND HE ADVISED RELEASES WILL BE  
NECESSARY FOR REVIEW OF THESE ACCOUNTS.

BOSTON CONTACT MICHAEL G. FORD AND OBTAIN RELEASE CONCERNING  
SAVINGS ACCOUNT NO. [REDACTED] SALT LAKE CITY CONTACT JOHN G. FORD  
AND OBTAIN RELEASE CONCERNING SAVINGS ACCOUNT NO. [REDACTED] AND  
WFO CONTACT APPOINTEE REGARDING THE TWO MINOR CHILDREN, SUSAN E.  
WHO HAS SAVINGS ACCOUNT [REDACTED] AND STEVEN M. WHO HAS SAVINGS  
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INVESTIGATION IN CASE INITIATED UPON REQUEST OF  
WHITE HOUSE, RE FORD, APPOINTED VICE PRESIDENT. FORD  
BORN 7/14/13, OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

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SAN DIEGO

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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD AKA GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR.,  
LESLIE KING, JR., SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED PAST.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE OF 10/17/73 (NO COPY SAN DIEGO).

THIS WILL CONFIRM WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE TELEPHONE  
CONVERSATION WITH LOS ANGELES AND SAN DIEGO THIS DATE.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE INTERVIEW WITH DENNY WALSH,  
WASHINGTON BUREAU REPORTER, NEW YORK TIMES, THIS DATE,  
INDICATES THAT CARL ALBERT, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, MADE  
OFFICIAL TRIP TO RED CHINA IN 1972. WHILE IN RED CHINA  
FORD HAD CONTACT WITH CHINESE BUSINESSMEN. UPON RETURNING  
TO THE UNITED STATES, FORD CONTACTED [REDACTED] IN HAWAII  
AND [REDACTED] IN LOS ANGELES REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT  
OF A CORPORATION TO IMPORT FOOD PRODUCTS FROM RED CHINA  
AND DEVELOP THE EXCLUSIVE DISTRIBUTORSHIP WITHIN THE UNITED  
STATES. FORD WAS TO BE "SILENT PARTNER" IN THIS VENTURE.

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[ ] EMPLOYMENT IS UNKNOWN.  
[ ] CURRENTLY IN SAN DIEGO, TELEPHONE [ ] (OFFICE) AND [ ] (HOME). [ ] LOCATED IN LOS ANGELES. PHONE [ ] (OFFICE) AND [ ] (HOME).  
[ ] AND [ ] CONFERRED TOGETHER REGARDING BUSINESS TRANSACTION POSED BY FORD.

[ ] INITIALLY CONTACTED REPORTER [ ] REGARDING FORD'S CONTACT AND PROVIDED ABOVE INFORMATION. [ ] ATTEMPTED CONTACT [ ] AT A LATER DATE BUT [ ] WAS UNCOOPERATIVE IN PROVIDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. [ ] LATER TOLD [ ] THAT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS TRANSACTION WITH FORD FAILED TO MATERIALIZE.

SAN DIEGO INTERVIEW [ ] AND LOS ANGELES INTERVIEW [ ]  
[ ] REGARDING DETAILS OF CONTACT WITH FORD AND ESTABLISHMENT OF DESCRIBED CORPORATION.

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